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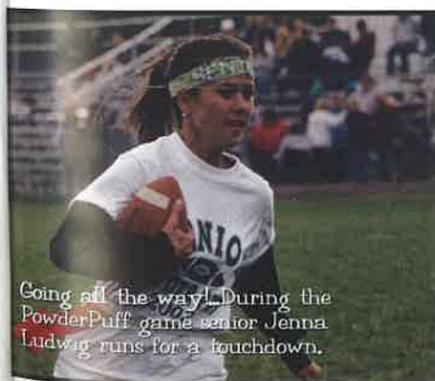
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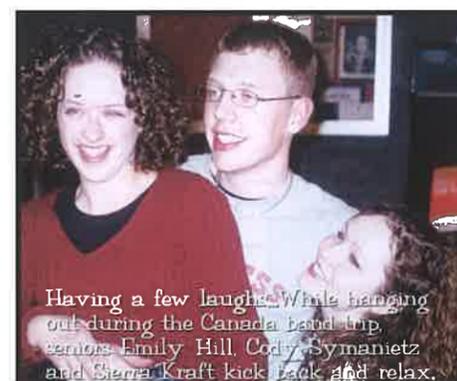


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Going all the way! During the PowderPuff game senior Jenna Ludwig runs for a touchdown.



Having a few laughs. While hanging out during the Canada band trip seniors Emily Hill, Cody Symanietz and Sierra Kraft kick back and relax.



Perfecting the hand off. During track practice junior Amy Foss hands the baton to senior Jen Treibold.

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Identity

West Fargo High School

by Jennifer Lundgren

Senior Editor

This year is all about students and staff finding their Identity while at West Fargo High School. Every student in the school will learn something new about themselves this year.

The freshmen stepped into an unknown world, not knowing what to expect. Their year will be full of new experiences. Such things as Pep Rallies and Homecoming are events they have never experienced. Also, the privilege of leaving for lunch is something they will come to cherish.

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The teachers and staff returned for another year of helping students do their best. The new teachers quickly fit in with the other teachers in the building, mostly within their departments. During the year, students will find their identities through extra-curricular activities and classes. They will also meet new friends during new classes and in all walks of life.



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Student Life Makes Identity

by Madison Nicholls
Layout Editor

Throughout the year, there have been many activities that have created an individual identity for the students at West Fargo. Students have attended an outstanding homecoming dance after a victorious win for the football team, participated in theme weeks that brought the school together and allowed the school to express itself. Each student has created their identity by the things they enjoy. From music,



movies and their own personal style, no two people are alike. Other students have created their identity abroad by go-

ing on class trips to Costa Rica, France and Germany. The school is surrounded by students and faculty members that bring West Fargo High School together to create an identity all its own. So, make your mark, make your Identity.

1 Im out of here! At the conclusion of the commencement ceremony, the senior class of 2004 throws their caps to celebrate the end of high school. 2 Please no flash photography... Looking regal and relaxed at Grand March, junior Trent Gehrig escorts senior Jennifer Lundgren as they stop for the crowd to take pictures. 3 Lets go juniors, lets go! Smiling into the sun, juniors Ashley Rheault Amy Elledge, Bridgette Myers and Lacey Benson hope that the seniors lose for once in the annual PowderPuff game. 4 And the crowd goes wild...Cheering enthusiastically, at a football game, West Fargo fans go crazy as the Packers score.



Homecoming Full of Events

WFHS Enjoys Week's Festivities

by Stephanie Davb
Staff Writer

What do a crown, cheering and a football have in common? They are all part of the fun filled week of Homecoming 2003.

The crowning of senior king and queen Tyler Roehl and Cassandra Erickson marked the beginning of homecoming week. The queen candidates were Kelsie Selisker, Alyssa Lester, Elizabeth Meyer, and Jenna Ludwig. The king candidates were Jeremy Qualley, Bobby Brand, Dan Dardis and Andrew Gwost. All of the candidates had a good time. It was just a fun night all together, senior Bobby Brand said.

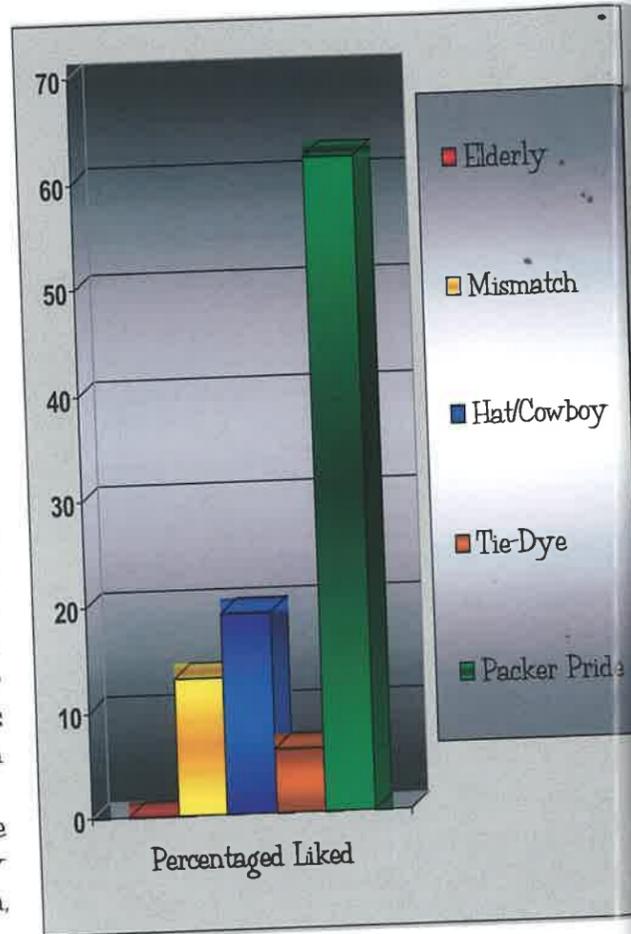
Coronation led the way to the next big event, the pep rally. Between all the cheering and chanting the pep rally had many different events. Some of the events this year were the teachers dancing, Mr. Paul Tefft kissing a cow and the annual tug-of-war competition. The pep rally was full of energy. It was fun doing all of the senior chants, senior Shelby Vigen said.

Later on that afternoon, was the battle between the senior and junior girls in the PowderPuff game. Many of the girls came to school decorated from top to bottom, showing off their creativity.

Finally on Friday came the homecoming football game and the dance. The football team showed their skill and dominated the Grand Forks Red River Rough Riders 47-28. The best part of homecoming week was everyone cheering when we walked out on the field, senior football player Matt Benson said.

The dance gave everyone a chance to show off their moves. Homecoming week 2003 was fun for everyone, starting with coronation, then the pep rally, and PowderPuff game, finally ending with the football game and dance.

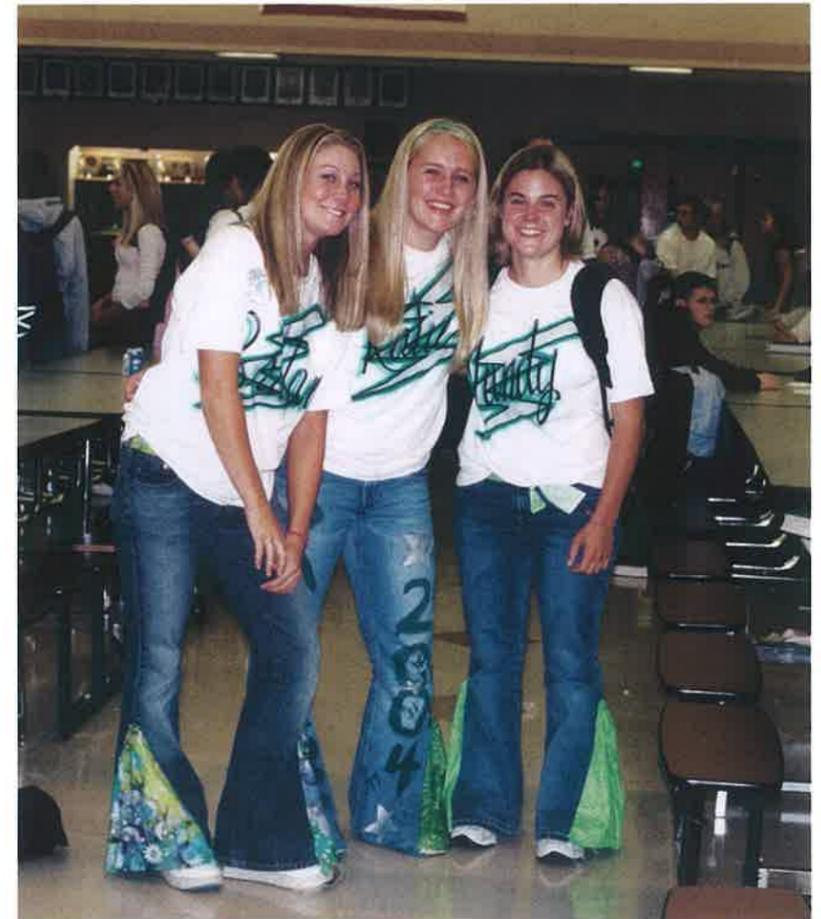
Lets go seniors! Enjoying the PowderPuff game, senior Cody Symanietz cheers on the senior girls as they go on to a 28 to 8 victory against the juniors girls. The PowderPuff game is always held at the West Fargo Middle School field.



Homecoming week festivities:

The following infographic represents which day the staff at the high school liked the best of the theme days during this years homecoming week festivities. Theme days this year included: Elderly, Mismatch, Hat/Cowboy, Tie-Dye & Packer Pride Day.

- Elderly Day 0%
- Mismatch Day 13%
- Hat/Cowboy Day 19%
- Tie-Dye Day 6%
- Packer Pride Day 62%



Who got pride? The seniors got pride. Showing their packer pride, seniors Britanny Stargardt, Katie Hawley, and Mandy Readel get decked out for the football game. The majority of senior girls purchased a senior t-shirt to wear on Packer Pride day.

Crazy in love! Homecoming candidates for 2003, seniors Bobby Brand, Kelsie Selisker, Alyssa Lester, Dan Dardis, Jeremy Qualley, Liz Meyer, Tyler Roehl, Cassandra Erickson, Andrew Gwost and Jenna Ludwig smile after the crowning of the King and Queen. Coronation was held in the school theater on Monday night and was the opening event to the Homecoming Week festivities.

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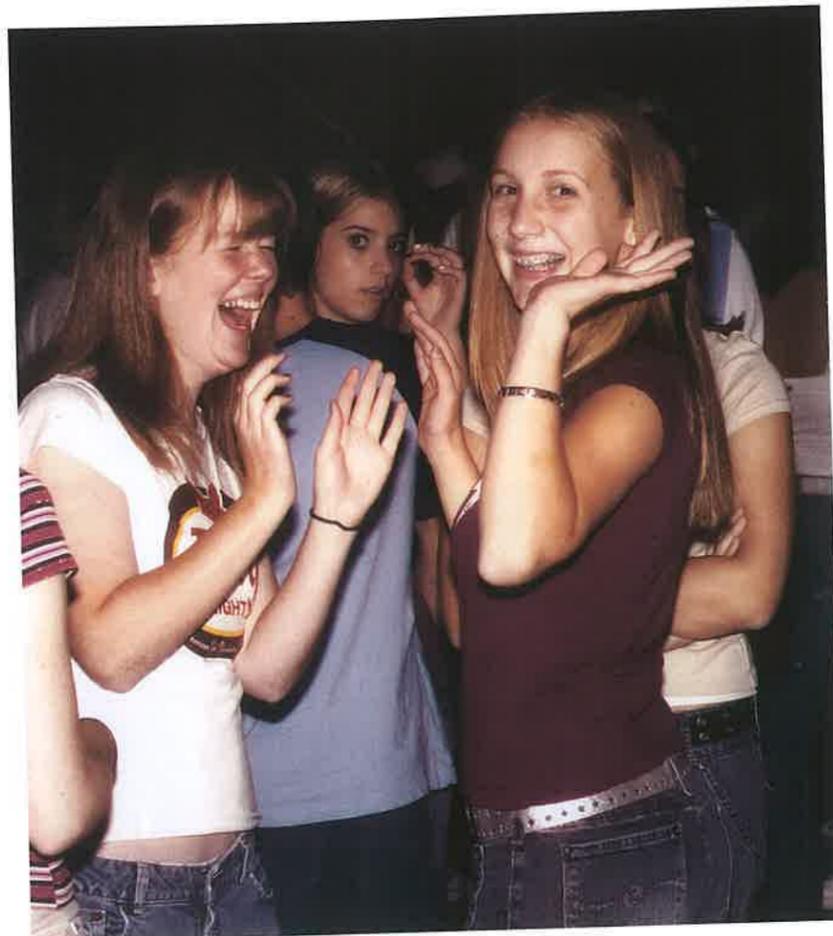
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Dancing the Night Away

student attendance at dance decreases

by Trent Gehrig

Photography Editor



Students Attend Homecoming Dance

42 Seniors were polled and 15 attended the dance

45 Juniors were polled and 9 attended the dance

54 Sophomores were polled and 21 attended the dance

54 Freshmen were polled and 24 attended the dance

The survey has proven that the attendance at the Homecoming Dance seems to decrease as the students move up in their high school career.



equals 3 students that went to the homecoming dance

Seniors



Juniors



Sophomores



Freshmen



The Homecoming dance is a great way to finish the night after a great football game. It gives students a chance to let loose and stay out of trouble.

This year the football team played Grand Forks Red River, and beat them 47 to 28. Once the game came close to the end, students started to head for the dance to boogie down. There were about 450 people that attended the dance.

There was only about 25 seniors at the dance, but the dance was still fun, senior Karl Saxowsky said.

The dance was pretty much freshmen dominated with way more people than any other class. Most students attend the dance as freshman to achieve the full high school experience. Most people think that the best way to make the dance better is to get more people to go, but not very many students want to go unless they know their friends are going. Other students think that the homecoming court should have to go to show their school spirit.

At the dance it is traditional for the guys to ask the girls to dance.

The best part of the dance was the slow dancing part when the guys would ask me to dance, senior Mariam Zuri said.

Music on Wheels played all different types of music at the dance. There were slow songs such as country. There was also a lot of rap. There was some rock and hip-hop. They also played the traditional 70s music that most student loves to dance to.

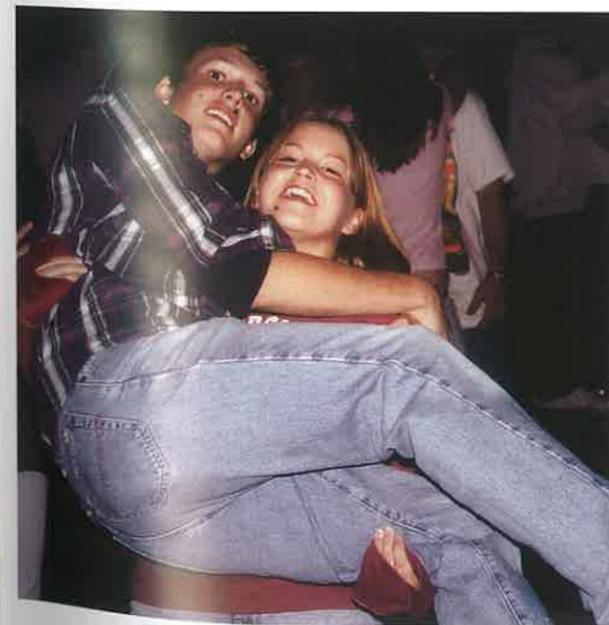
The dance was really fun, but only if you made it fun, senior Cassie Ellingson said.

The dance started out slow but then got more exciting as more students came after the football game.

How much do you weigh kid? While holding junior Luke Baldwin, freshman Sadie Olson thinks she may fall over.

Wow I cannot believe you did that! While bustin a move on the dance floor, Jessica Roth takes time to wave to the camera, and Ashley Nelson cannot stop laughing.

Man I am exhausted! After dancing the whole time Evan Rolstad, Rob Gibson, Tim Stulken and Jarrod Skoog take time to get something to drink and rest their legs.



Midnight Fantasy

A Night That Will Always Be Remembered

by Marni Benson
Staff Writer

There is more to prom than the dresses, tuxedos, accessories and the latest up-dos. The memories are what last forever. To some, prom is the highlight of the year.

I love looking back at my pictures to remind me of not only the great night, but the fun I had preparing for it, senior Heidi Tobkin said.

After the long day of pictures and last minute preparations, Grand March is the next step. This year our high school won a drawing held by Y94. By winning this drawing, Y94s Dawgpound in the Morning, announced the couples as they walked through Grand March.

It was neat that Y94 announced our names and all, but I didn't think it was that big of deal while I was walking through Grand March, junior Michelle Wilke said.

The gym was decorated to compliment the theme, Midnight Fantasy, with trees, waterfalls and a cobblestone pathway.

I really liked the cobblestone pathway, and it was not even slippery this year, senior DeAnn Knutson said.

The night does not end after Grand March. Many couples chose to attend the dance and post prom at the Bowler. This year Dude Walkers Music on Wheels provided the music for the dance. Many people leave their prom with experiences they will never forget.

Getting ready, taking pictures with my friends and going out to eat was the most memorable part of my prom, junior Danielle Knoll said.

May 1st is a day juniors and seniors who attended prom will never forget.

Smile pretty! Taking a break from the dance, junior Jessica Hajek and her date Jeremiah Fischer pose for their prom picture in the library.

Lori (Brown) Anderson and Craig Opdahl



Renee & Keith Ringdahl



Nate and Sue Knudsen



Jane (Emerson) Holland & Jay VanSickle

Teachers Share Prom Memories

"If I told you [about prom], I'd have to kill you."

--Mr. Jim Jonas

"I didn't go because I was too embarrassed to be seen with my girlfriends in public."

--Mr. Chuck Gad

"I had a much better time when I went with a friend instead of a boyfriend because going with a boyfriend was no fun at all."

--Ms. Toni Nelson

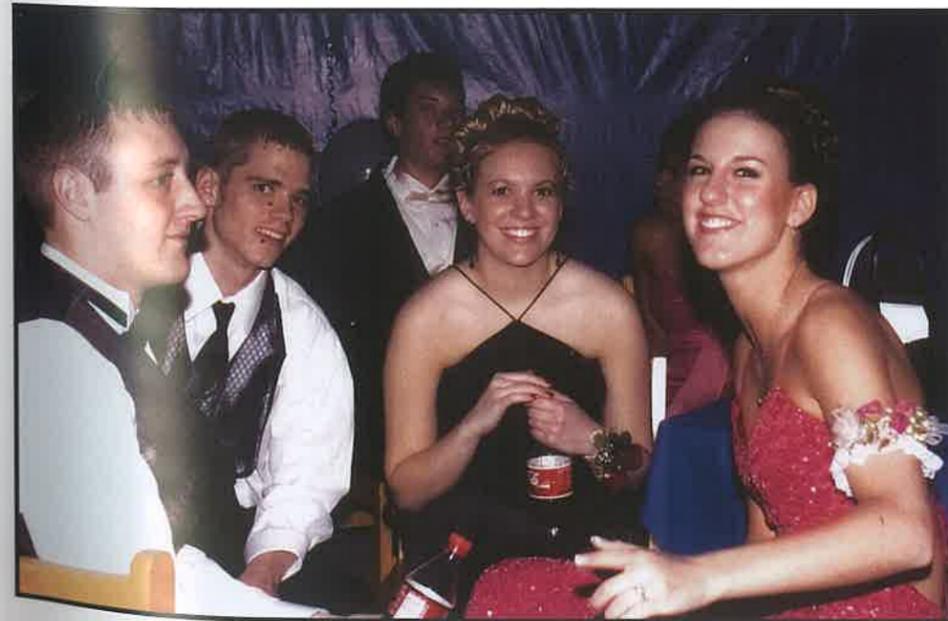
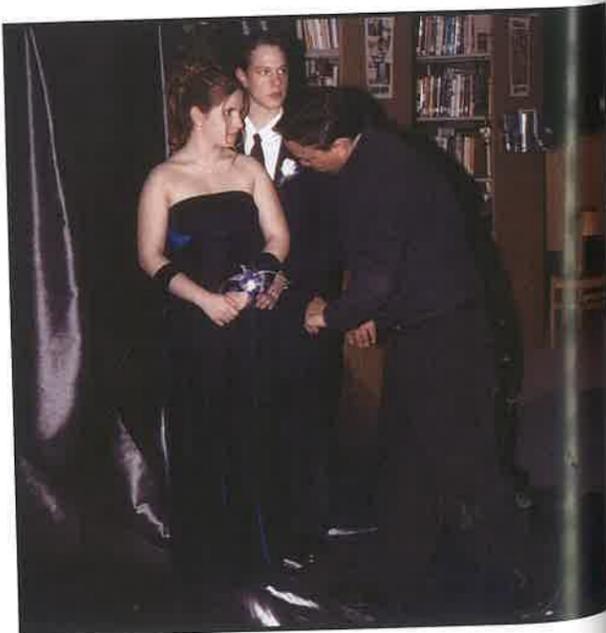
"Prom dresses were a lot less expensive and many were home-made. Now there is more competition for the best dress."

--Ms. Peggy Spitzer



What are they looking at? During Midnight Fantasy, juniors Peter Wiederholt and senior Jessica Mammenga stop at one of the six picture stops to smile for the cameras. Grand March was held in the high school gym with the dance to follow in the high school commons.

When will Grand March be over?? Taking a seat while waiting for the Grand March to conclude, seniors Nicole Simpson and Shanna Vetter, along with their dates Dale Wasness and Jeremy Bartlett enjoy their prom night.



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Having Fun At Post Prom

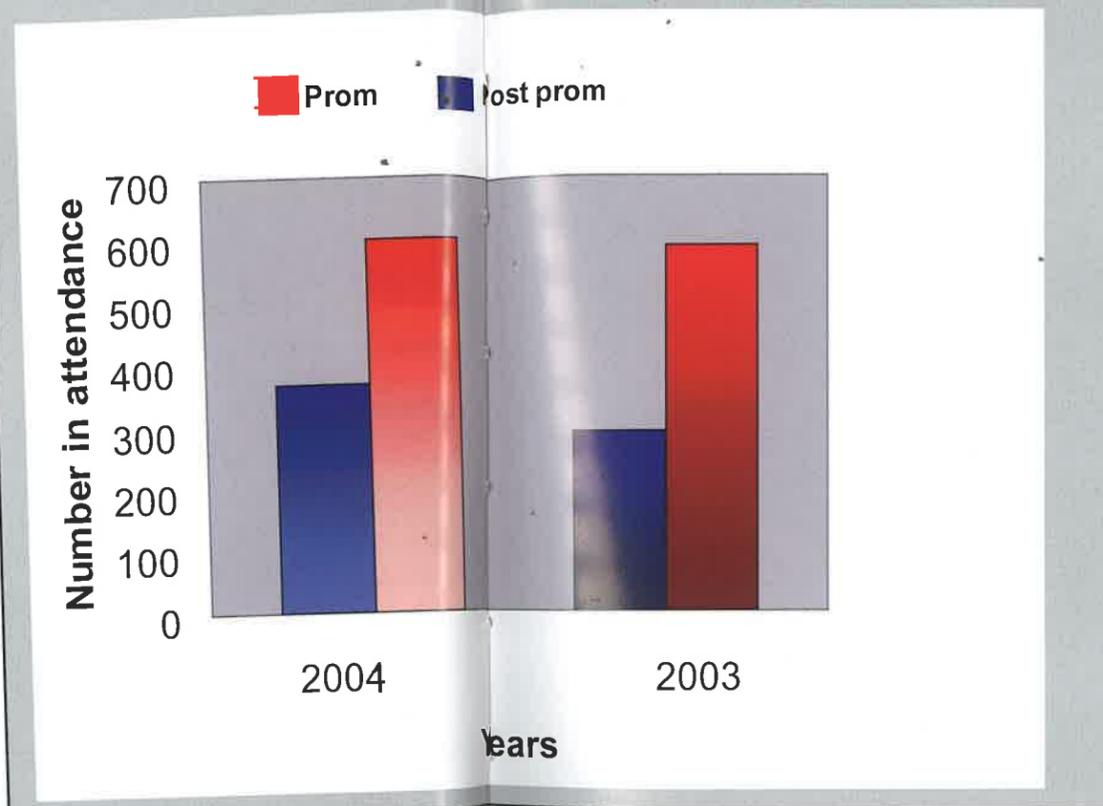
Students Enjoy Party After Prom

by Carley Bjerk

Staff Writer



Post Prom Numbers Jump from Previous Year



What do having fun, hanging out with friends and awesome prizes have in common? For many students, post prom was one of the biggest events that they looked forward to this year, besides prom of course.

Post Prom was a way for students to have fun after prom with their friends without having to spend a lot of money. Many students take advantage of this opportunity because after spending a lot of money on the actual prom, there is not a lot of money left over for after-prom activities. Post prom was held at the Bowler from midnight until three in the morning. Eleventh and 12th grade students and their dates were invited, and there was great entertainment and many things to do.

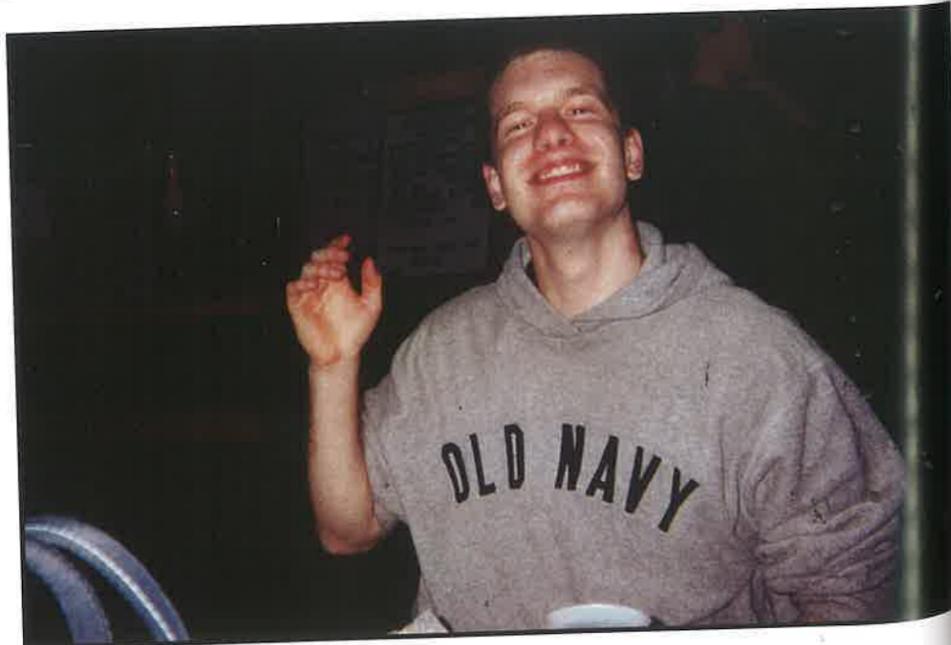
There were video games, pool, bowling, karaoke and different things to eat, senior Allison Nicholson said. For many students, it was their first time going, and for others, they went both junior and senior year.

I went to post prom last year with my friends, and this year I went since I had such a great time last year, senior Dacia Sampers said. Many students go with their friends, while others bring their dates, so it did not matter who went with whom because everyone had a great time.

Last year I went with my friends and had a good time, but this year I went with my date since I did not go with him last year, senior Tami Lipp said.

Post prom is definitely an event that everyone should go to at least once because it is a fun experience and a great way to top off prom.

Bingo! After winning a game of bingo, freshman Joe Connor shows off his prize. Prizes were given to the winners of various games held during the night's festivities. Sophomores and freshmen could attend Post Prom if they were invited by a junior or senior West Fargo student.



Is the ball coming yet? While bowling at the Bowler, juniors Katie Peterson and Megan Lisburg wait for the ball so they can resume their game. Both attended Post Prom after Grand March and the dance.

Say cheese! While relaxing at Post Prom, senior Cody Nirschl poses for a picture as he enjoys a pretzel and pop. Food, prizes and games made the night a success for both the parents who hosted the event and the students who attended. The numbers for this year's post prom increased over last year, even though the number of prom attendees was consistent with last year's numbers.

Saying Bye to Good Friends

2004 West Fargo Seniors Graduate

by Stephanie Davb
Staff Writer

The seniors walking up the stage with their caps and gowns on while the diplomas waited anxiously to be accepted and proud parents sat and watched their babies grow into young adults. This was just a small description of the class of 2004s graduation.

Most of the seniors had been waiting anxiously for graduation, yet for some it was hard to say goodbye. Im in a way excited for graduation, but yet I dont want it to end, senior Isaiah Charbonnea said days before graduation.

Senior year was a good year for many students. Some of my favorite senior memories were the PowderPuff game and homecoming night, senior Nikki Hoovestol said.

The senior class graduated with 346 students. The ceremony began with senior Kelly Klaers welcoming speech. Next, the proud principals handed out diplomas to teary-eyed seniors, who could not believe they were done. Student Body President, senior Bobby Brand ended the ceremony with his closing speech. I was really excited about giving the speech. I just cant believe it is all over, Brand said prior to graduation.

Many of the seniors planned to go to college after high school. I will be staying here and attending Minnesota State Community and Technical College, senior Allison Morgan said.

Whether the seniors planned on staying nearby or going far away, they all planned to stay in touch with close friends. It was hard to say goodbye, and this year graduating seniors left a mark in Packer history, and will not be forgotten.

Plans for college...
Leaving, or staying in town?

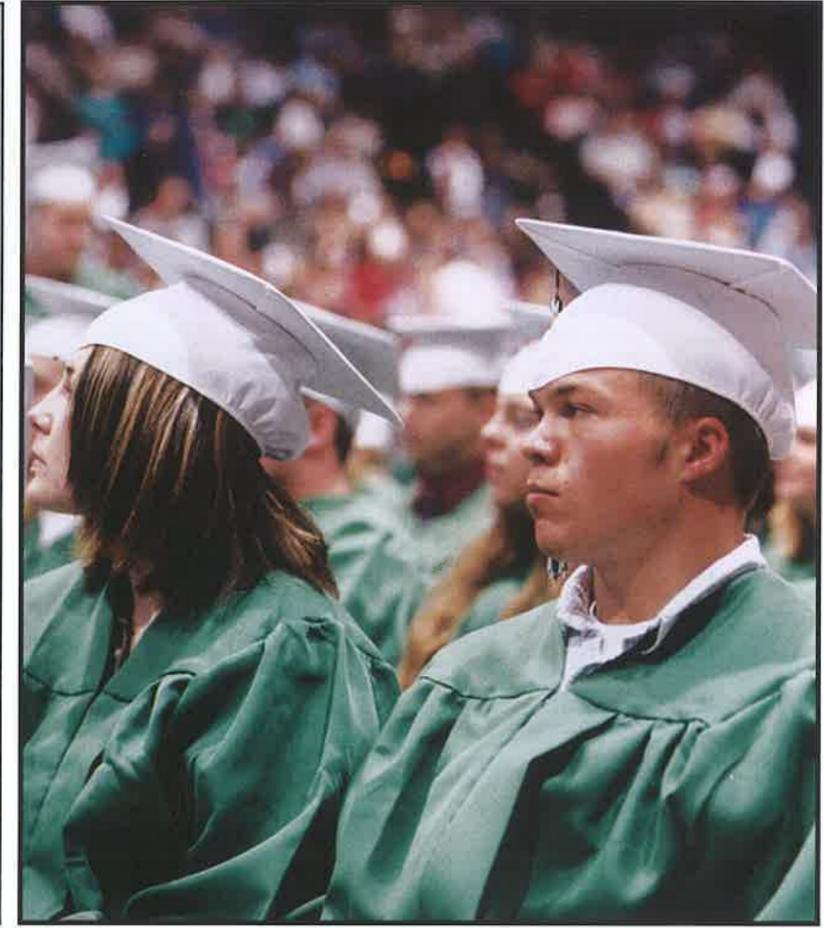


63% of students are staying in town.



37% of students are moving out of town.

West Fargo High School seniors were asked seven days before graduation if they would be staying in town for college after graduation. One hundred and thirty six students were polled and 63 percent said they would be staying in town, and 37 percent said they would be moving away from the area. Of the students staying in town, the majority of them are attending Minnesota State University Moorhead, North Dakota State University or Concordia. Most of the students that were leaving planned on moving out of state.



Our final performance... Playing in front of their entire senior class during graduation, seniors Jessica Mammenga and Valerie Schultz perform March of the Belgian Paratroopers.



Is Bobby's Speech over yet? While listening to the Commencement Address, given by senior Bobby Brand, seniors Matt Benson and Kellee Berglund listen intently.

In Loving Memory... As a tribute to the late Tanya Swenson, the senior class paid their respects to their missed classmate. Seniors Danielle Zahradka and Shuo Zhang place their roses into a basket held by senior Sarah Bryan.

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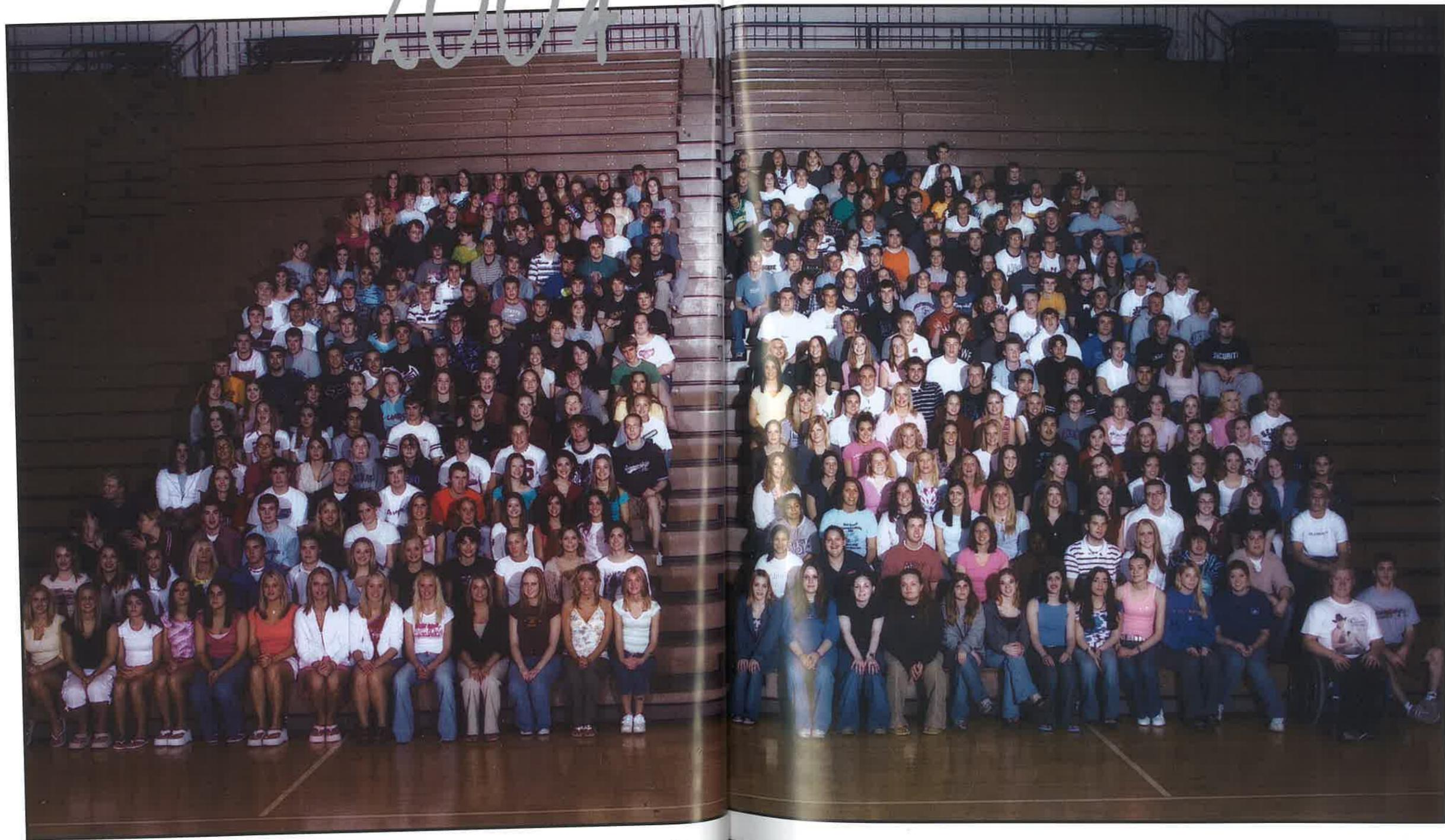
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Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind dont matter and those who matter dont mind. Dr. Seuss

Fling into Spring

Theme Days Fun for All.

by Nichole Rheault

Staff Writer

Mardi Gras Day, Bed Head Day and Soc Hop; these themes and events helped make up Student Council sponsored Spring Week.

Spring Week had five different themes, one for each day. These included support their work, bed head, Mardi Gras, dress like a favorite celebrity, and old school day. To come up with these different theme days, we brainstorm ideas, and we also use ideas of themes from other schools when we went to Camp Cheley for Student Council, senior, student council member Heidi Tobkin said. These themes make for an all-around fun week.

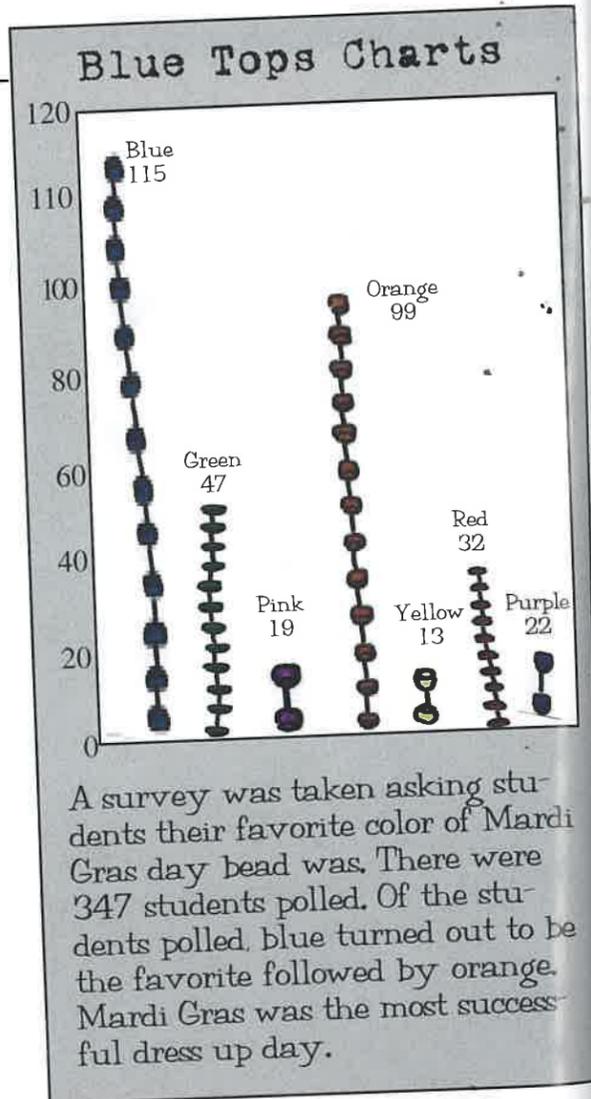
Participation is lacking throughout the school. It would be even more fun if students participated in Spring Week as much as most teachers did in Spirit Week, freshmen Grant Schmidt said. The themes were original, and it was enjoyable to see different people dressed up and supporting the school.

Spring Week ended with the Soc Hop. The Soc Hop was sweet, we had a rocking band plus a rocking DJ, which led to a rocking good time, Baldwin said.

The Soc Hop began with music from the DJ. Other musical entertainment included the local band Exit 331. The Soc Hop was a great time for everyone who went to it and a great way to end Spring Week.

Spring Week was fun for everyone who participated in it, especially with the Soc Hop, which was a fundraiser for Student Council. If more students participated, this week would be fun and enjoyable for all. It would make an interesting week where students could express themselves while still learning at school.

It's Mardi Gras Day! Showing of her beads in the commons, sophomore Trisha McDonald announces the theme for the next day of Spring Fling week.



Spirit Shines In Staff

Staff Participates In Theme Days

by Brianne Gebeke

Staff Writer



And the Winner is...



We've got spirit, yes we do! We've got spirit, how bout you?

Every year in March, Spirit Week takes place in our high school. It consists of several different activities that go on within one week for the teachers.

Each day there was something new. On Monday, it was Favorite College day, where the teachers wore a sweatshirt of their favorite college.

The best part of spirit week is getting to come to work dressed casually, history education teacher Mrs. Jessica McKinnon said.

On Tuesday, it was Packer Pride day; teachers wore clothes supporting the Packers.

Being involved with spirit week is really fun for the teachers.

Spirit week to me is like going walleye fishing - I get so pumped up - its fun and you never know what you are going to get! physical education teacher Mr. Doyle Plecity said.

On Wednesday, it was Sports Day. Teachers wore a jersey of his or her favorite sports team.

One of the most exciting days, Theme Day, occurred Thursday, is when each department came up with a creative theme, such as the Flintstones, or construction workers, and dressed accordingly.

Spirit week is a way for the teachers to get involved with school spirit.

Spirit Week is so great because it puts a little joy in the long winter, English teacher Mrs. Marti Simmons said.

Spirit week is a great way to get the teachers involved with school activities, and for them to show how much school spirit they have!

Don't push my buttons! Participating in Spirit Week, on Packer Pride Day, Principal Gary Clark shows his school spirit with his Packer pins in the office.

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Hangin' Loose

Basketball team goes to Hawaii

by Jennifer Grund

Staff Writer

Who would of thought that a school trip could be more fun than a trip outside of school? West Fargo High School students take many trips in the summer for various reasons. This year, the big trip was the girls basketball trip. They went to Hawaii. They had the trip of a lifetime, and it was connected with the school.

Hawaii was the highlight of my summer and it was a great experience that will never be forgotten, senior Heidi Tobkin said.

The crew went to Pearl Harbor, the Pineapple Plantation, the markets, the Polynesian Cultural Center and a luau. They played basketball, and managed to spend time shopping at Local Motion and, relaxing on Waikiki Beach.

The highlight of this trip was to see how much the girls loved it and just hanging loose. I would do it again in a heartbeat, coach Mund said.

The girls also got to go surfing, boogie boarding, snorkeling and swimming. There was time for eating the fresh pineapple and eating 'Cheesburger In Paradise', where the cheesburgers are eight dollars.

I don't even remember how the basketball part went because I had so much fun with everything else we had to do like surfing because it was awesome, senior Jen Sliper said.

Hawaii was one of the best places that a team could ask for to go, but they deserved it with all the fundraising they did. Even though it was connected with the school, the girls had the time of their lives.

Surfs up dudes! While on a basketball trip to Hawaii, seniors Jennifer Grund, Katie Hawley, Jennifer Sliper, and Heidi Tobkin get ready to ride on their boogie boards.

"Just Hang Loose"

Just hang loose

Just have fun

Sittin' on the beach

And lyin in the sun

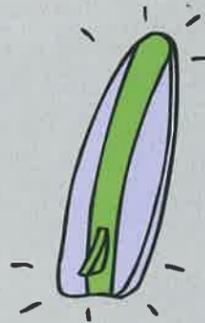
Don't try to fight it

It aint no use

Cuz when youre in Hawaii

You should just hang loose.

This is the song that all tourists are taught by their tour guide when touring Hawaii. The girls' tour guide's name was Cousin Knox.



Germany survives

Students experience new culture

by Jennifer Grund

Staff Writer

It is a once in a lifetime opportunity to go to different countries. A lucky number of West Fargo students in German class went to Germany this summer. There were many highlights of this trip that cannot be described in words. They went to a number of places such as Munich, Salzburg and Rothenberg. The 17 students that went were able to stay with a family for one week, and for another week they were able to explore Germany with the class.

I liked staying with the family and using the language that I learned, and becoming part of the culture was fun, too, senior Jennifer Peterson said.

They also got to see many cool castles, such as The Baste. They also went on a boat ride and used public transportation. The public transportation consisted of buses and trains.

There were many fountains and statues that the students saw, too. The trick fountain was my highlight because it sprayed out water in random places at random times and it was always a surprise, senior Karl Saxowsky said.

Ms. Michelle Highman was the teacher that went with the students. The chaperone had just as good of time as the students did. When students go to Germany, it would be hard not to have a good time. Highman had a good time observing the students.

Seeing the students experiencing the country for the first time and watching them use the language that they've learned, Highman said.

The students learned a new culture and had the best time doing it with their classmates.



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Germany Trip: Back Row: Jamie Lund, Brandi Jamison, Erika Rebenitsch, Erika Volk, Ms. Michelle Highman, Darci Lemki, Jennifer Peterson, Kati Wilcox, Karl Saxowsky, Caroline Wyum, Marie Walen, Alison Nicholson. Front Row: Amanda Haider, Zac Steel, Malarie Sukie, Megan Winter, Sara Barnard, Tom Gross

Rocking Out at Concerts

Various Artists Hit Fargo Area in Concert

*by Desi Rae Beauclair
Layout Editor*

Some of the best memories students have with their friends take place at concerts. Lately there have been many concerts to hit the Fargo-Moorhead area. Bands such as Evanescence, 311, Kiss, Aerosmith and the ROC the Mic Tour have come to the area in the past year.

I couldn't wait for 311 to come here. I got my ticket right when it came out, sophomore Dan Haagenson said.

With bands as popular as these, it gives area teenagers something to do on the weekends. A surprising number of teenagers go to these concerts. At the Nintendo Fusion Tour concert, there was a turnout of around 2,500 people. In October, Playmakers Pavilion even had special rock concerts every Friday night. They even invited Powerman 5000 back for a second visit, but that time as the headlining act.

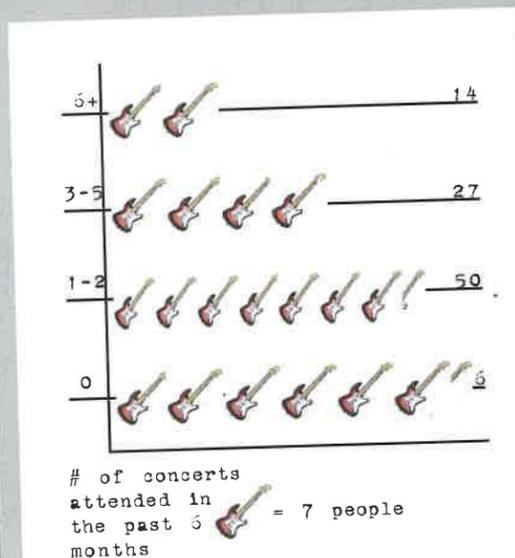
The best concert I went to was Powerman 5000, because I got to be right up in the front row. The worst part was getting pulled into the mosh pit, sophomore Ashley Domres said. Some students went to great lengths to see their favorite bands.

This summer my cousin and I drove out to Ozzfest in Wisconsin and got to see Ozzy and Marilyn Manson. It was 11 hours long, and I had to stand the whole time, and I got the worst sunburn. It was all worth it, sophomore Desiree Miller said.

Music is a big part of the students' lives. They obviously love going to concerts with good friends and are willing to spend tons of money and drive many miles just to see their favorite artists live in concert.

Students Attend Concerts

As one can tell, students have attended many concerts. 137 students were polled on how many concerts they have attended in the last six months. The graph below represents the results of that survey.



This is so cool! After the (HED) P.E. concert in early June, sophomores Desi Beauclair and Krista Jones get a chance to hang out on the (HED) P.E.s tour bus with the bands mixer Sonny Mayo.

Music Creates Diversity

Variety Allows Students Freedom to Choose

by Madison Nicholls

Layout Editor

Billboard



Top Rap Music

Yeah! Usher feat. Lil Jon & Ludacris
Slow Jamz' Twista feat. Kanye West & Jamie Foxx
Splash Waterfalls Ludacris
One Call Away Chingy feat. J. Weav
Hotel Cassidy feat. R. Kelly

Top Rock Music

Figured You Out Nickelback
I Am The Highway Audioslave
Megalomaniac Incubus
Numb Linkin Park
Re-Align Godsmack



Top Punk Music

I Miss You Blink-182
Last Train Home
Lostprophets
One Thing Finger Eleven
Everything About You Three Days Grace
Until The Day I Die Story Of The Year



Rap, punk and hard rock metal; these are some different types of music that are being played in students' CD players and cars. Over the year, there was a range of music that was hitting the airwaves.

In the past, rap has become a popular music category by heavy rotation on the radio and from downloaded tunes online. Artists such as 50 Cent, Chingy, and Outkast have had big hits from their catchy beats and unique hooks.

I really enjoy Outkast. They are not just a cliché of what rap is and has more depth to their songs, sophomore Ellis Eid said.

In the past, punk had been known as underground, sell-out-if-you-go-mainstream music. Artists like Blink-182, MXPX and Green Day have taken punk from old clubs to sold out shows all over the country, and have become the new source of rebellious angst.

Green Day is my favorite because Billy Armstrong has a great sound, and their lyrics are great, sophomore Stacy Verdoorn said.

Besides the new music that has come along, rock is always a stable for all music fans. Bands like Queen, Led Zeppelin and The Doors are legend for rocking out on stage and having killer CDs. With all the fad music that has been created, rock has always been a favorite.

My favorites are Led Zeppelin and Queen because of their different styles and lyrics, freshman Ellen Vaagen said.

From rap, to punk, to rock, music has been the spice of life for students to choose from. It can be a way to let out anger or for crying eyes. Music is the one thing that brings people together.

Songs were selected off of www.Billboard.com. Blink-182 and Chingy covers used courtesy of www.Cdcovers.com. Incubus cover used courtesy of Incubus.com

What is on T.V.

Shows Get Viewer's Approval

by Megan Wigglesworth

Staff Writer

What would life be like without reality television? Most students think that the world would come to an end, but others think different.

I don't like reality TV. It is boring and not worth watching, senior Joe Zacher said.

Even though some students may not enjoy what is on TV, the ratings for current shows are shooting through the roof.

There were many new and exciting shows that came out in 2003-2004 that had viewers glued to the tube. One stimulating show that had the girls and guys dying to get married was the *Bachelor* and *Bachelorette*. It starts out with 25 singles looking for love with the chance for one lucky lady or guy to get hitched. The show left viewers wanting more.

I really like the *Bachelor*. I never miss a show, senior Ashley Disher said.

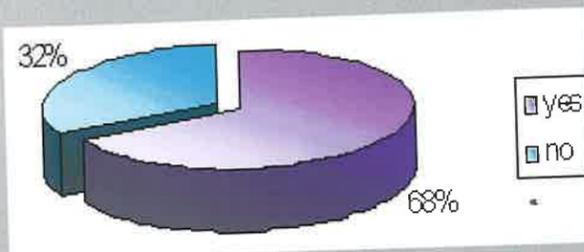
Unfortunately, things do not turn out the way people plan, and most of the men and women ended up going home crying.

Another reality show that heated up viewers was MTV's *The Inferno*. The show took young college students from two other MTV reality shows and united them on teams to compete for large prizes. *The Inferno* was full of drama and suspense that made viewers mesmerized and wanting more.

I like watching the *Inferno* and all the drama they create in the show, junior Michelle Miller said.

Life would definitely be a little less complete without reality TV. It gives viewers something to look forward to every week and is a great topic of conversation. Reality TV is not going anywhere for a while and will be around until people decide to tune out.

Do Students Really Like Reality T.V.?



A poll was given to 400 students to get their opinions on if they enjoyed watching reality T.V. The final outcome was that students actually do enjoy watching reality T.V., some students prefer this over sitcoms. Nearly three fourths of the students polled agreed that they enjoy watching some type of reality T.V. Reality shows included everything from *Dog Eat Dog* to *Bachelor*.

This year, America sadly had to say goodbye to their favorite friends. On May 6th, the gang said so long to NBC and called it quits. Luckily, students can catch reruns on TBS at 6:30.



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New Movies Hit Theaters

Top Movies Receive Two Thumbs Up

by Megan Wigglesworth

Staff Writer

I've Lost a Guy and I Don't Know Why?

After the hit movie *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days*, students were asked to give their own suggestions on how to lose a guy.

Be really clingy and annoy the crap out of them.

-Junior Anna Driscoll

Constantly calling him and wanting to know his every move.

-Senior Laura Fugleberg

Cheating on him with his best friend.

-Sophomore Elizabeth Volk

Constantly talking about and comparing him to your last boyfriend.

-Freshmen Kayla Burns

Naming your unborn kids, and planning your future two weeks in to the relationship.

-Junior Katie Schmidt



What do buttered popcorn, milk duds and a hot date lead to? It leads to one sweet movie. In the past year, many romantic, action-filled and horrific movies came out. Many of them topped the charts and packed local movie theaters. One blockbuster that excited moviegoers was *Texas Chainsaw Massacre*. It was a chilling and suspenseful movie that made people jump out of their seats. Many students left the theater wanting to go cry to their mommies.

I thought that *Texas Chainsaw Massacre* was the scariest movie of the year, senior Tyler Walker said.

Students also found out that G rated movies are not just for kids. When *Finding Nemo* came to theaters, students came running. It was a box office hit.

It was a movie that I won't forget. It was the best, sophomore Anna Kiefer said.

Some students that were not into horror movies or cartoon animation could have chosen the light-hearted comedy, *Along Came Polly*. The sarcastic movie was about a risk averse guy that was dumped two days after his wedding, and his luck trying to date again. He meets a girl afraid of commitment and change. Not only was Ben Stiller in it, but *Friends* star, Jennifer Aniston, also co-starred in the romantic comedy.

It was a really funny show, and Ben Stiller is the funniest guy ever, senior Nathan Aamodt said.

Many movies came out this year, and a select few stood out. The ones that topped the charts deserve a two thumbs up.

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Sizzlin' Styles

What new for this year

by Megan Wigglesworth

Staff Writer

Every morning students ponder the question, What will I wear today? The student body of West Fargo has a diverse sense of style, both in how they do their hair, and how they dress. The seniors, juniors and freshmen do not seem to mind getting up and getting ready for the day. The sophomore guys, assumedly, spend less time getting ready perhaps trading a shower for a few extra minutes of sleep. It all works because everyone has their own sense of style.

This year, most people are shopping at Abercrombie, American Eagle, Buckle, Wet Seal and Express. I love to go shopping. My favorite store in the mall is Abercrombie, senior Erika Johansen said.

Not only do people look forward to new clothes for the school year, they are also excited for new stores. West Acres Mall now offers a new Aeropostale next to Claires. Now, instead of going to the Mall of America or the Kirkwood Mall in Bismarck, students can stay in Fargo for their shopping needs.

I can't wait for it to open. It is going to be nice having a new selection of clothing, junior Sarah Schmidt said before the stores grand opening.

A popular item, female students are buying from Aeropostale this year is the baby T.

It does not matter where everyone shops. People have their own sense of style and their own personalities. If I could, I would wear sweatpants and sweatshirts everyday, senior Nikki Hoovestol said.

The next time the question, What should I wear today? comes up, take a risk and try something new.

Hair Styles Hit Home

Hair styles hit new millennium everywhere

by Liz McCracken

Senior Editor

After surveying about 250 students throughout the school, the results show that there are many different colors of hair for guys and girls that people like. There was not a dominant color of hair that was preferred. Obviously, this school is okay with anyone's personal hair style and color that they want to have.

What Colors West Fargo Students Like



Favorite Hair Color for Boys and Girl

Mixed Colors

(Red, Brown, Blonde, and Black)

What Not To Wear



Dos

Polo Shirts
Muscle Shirts
Baby Ts
Straight Hair
Flared Jeans
Cargo Pants

Don'ts

Short Pants
Too Low
Low Risers
Dog Collars
Black Pants w/ Brown Shoes
Socks with Sandals
Not Cut
Sweatpants

This is a list of style dos and don'ts. Students can find most of these styles in school. It is a helpful list for students to use when getting ready in the morning.



Showing their stuff... Juniors Karli Rodgers and Kelsey Peterson are bling blingin in there new duds.



Look at those streaks! Excited about her multicolored hair, junior Kristin Hoy waits for class to start.

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Work vs. School

Students Lead Busy Lives

by Marni Benson
Staff Writer

West Fargo High School students have very busy lives. Between the extracurricular activities, friends, family and schoolwork, some still manage to find time to earn money.

A few students manage both a full work schedule and a full load of classes. However, some students only work small amounts during the week, so they have learned to balance their schedules.

I try to get the least amount of hours so I can concentrate on school and be with friends, senior Jodi Nelson said. Nelson works at Widman's Candy.

While students are in high school, they do not want to miss a chance to hang out with their friend.

Not all students have a problem with handling homework and a job in the same night.

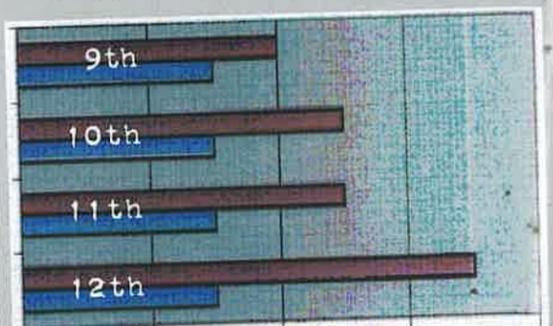
Where I work is not always busy, so when it gets boring, I just work on my homework there, instead of worrying about staying up late, senior Jennifer Sliper said. Sliper has two different jobs. She works at Planet 19, a small coffee shop, and is a lifeguard at L.E. Berger pool.

Those students who are not able to work on their homework while at work try to fit it in whenever possible.

I usually come home right after school and get my stuff done, so when I get home from work around midnight I can just go to bed, senior Alan Jesser said. Jesser is a cook at Hooters.

For students who want good grades and money to have fun with friends, they must learn to balance a hectic schedule. These students nearly have two jobs—one for money and one for good grades.

Jobs vs. Homework



Number of Hours

Work

Homework

A survey was taken asking students how many hours each week were spent on homework or at a job. There were 120 students who were surveyed. Overall, West Fargo High School students spend more time at work than at home doing homework. As students get older the amount of time spent on homework does not change, but the time spent at a job increases.



Ring, Ring... Who is calling? Working his job at the phone kiosk in the mall senior Trevor Flanagan works on the computer preparing orders.

Student Work for Cars

Drives Appreciate Vehicles They Own

by David Rankin
Staff Writer



The sportiest color is red



Most WFHS students drive cars rather than trucks



The most popular color of cars is silver

Popular Cars of 2003



Owning a car is an important part of high school life to many students. Usually a student's first car is not so great. There are a few students though that have some really nice, decked out cars.

I do not know how they can afford them, senior Tom Enlow said.

Senior Tiffany Goldstone is a perfect example of this. She owns a black 1998 Pontiac Trans Am that looks great. It also has a sweet ram air hood that when going down the road it directs wind into the engine. The thing is though Goldstone actually worked hard for her car and is paying for it. Unlike many students throughout the school, their parents bought their cars.

Senior Zach Strand has one of the nicest cars for guys, which is a 1997 Chevrolet Camaro. The only downfall to his car is the underpowered engine, a 3.8-liter v-6. Strand's car is red with tint and has a body kit that makes it stand out. Once again, Strand has worked hard for his car and is paying for it as well.

I have worked for 5 years to pay for a car that I like and I have finally done it, senior Zach Strand said.

The moral of the story is that students do not care how much a car is they just want it handed to them.

I guess that is the part of growing up, senior Steph Daul said.

A number of kids just expect their parents to buy them a nice car right away. In reality new drivers most of the time do not have the experience needed to be trusted with new cars. Most people get in an accident close to home. It is a good idea to give their child a test car in order to avoid any unnecessary damages to new cars.

Wanna race! Showing off his driving talent senior David Rankin does a burnout in the parking lot.

Students Discover Identity

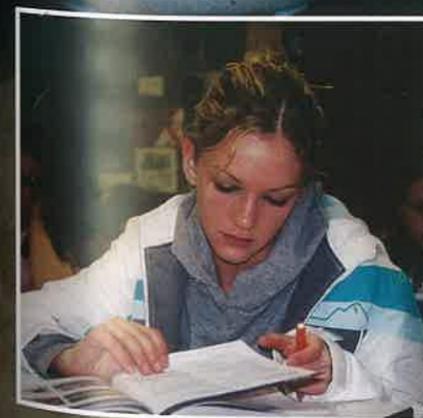
by Megan Wigglesworth
Staff Writer

People often ask, What makes a West Fargo student a true WFHS Packer? It takes courage, commitment and strength to complete the journey from freshman year to senior graduation.

Starting high school, a freshman's steps are unsure. They are trying to find their Packer identity by investigating in sports and academics. As the year ends, the steps become stable. The sophomore year, things start to make sense. School starts to become a priority and fitting in is no longer a problem. As a junior, the light at the end of the tunnel is near. College starts to fill their minds and ACT schedules cause sleepless nights. Finally, the senior year has come.

Friends are now first priority and thoughts of moving on brings a tear to the eye. The feeling of success with graduation approaching is now becoming a realization. The Packer identity has finally been achieved and the feeling is indescribable.

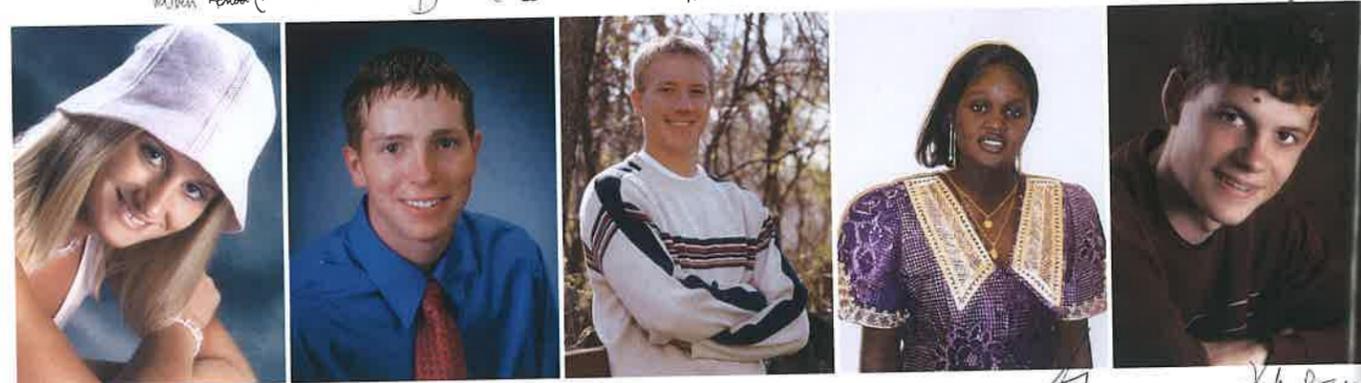
As individuals, freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors are separate and unique, but as a group they make up a powerful force. This force respects the high school, fellow students, the administration and the community. The students have courage, commitment and strength, all qualities which make up the identity of the student body and a true Packer.



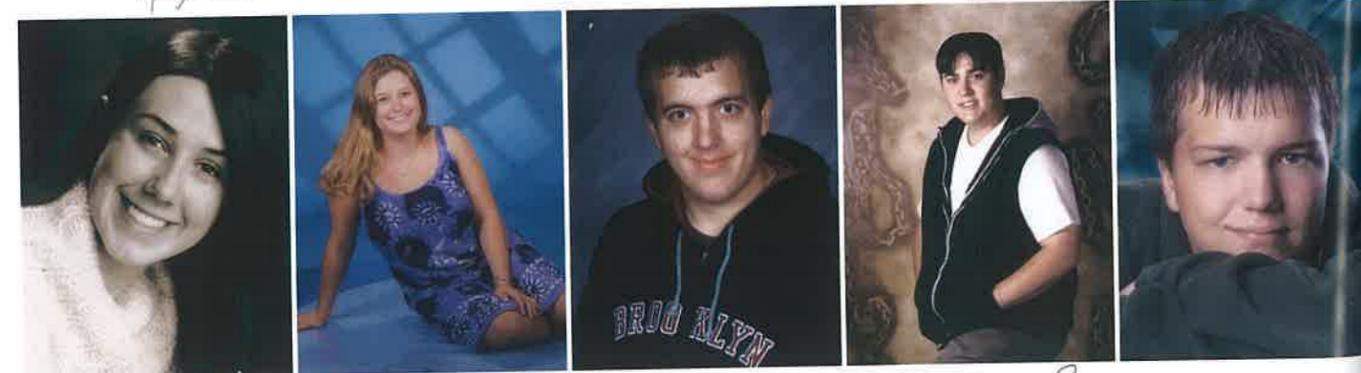
① Stuffing her face. During a homecoming pep rally, senior Katie Hawley digs in. ② Looking tough. After a tough play on the field, juniors Trisha Burner, Lyndsay Peterson, Joni Grant, Kelli Dahlgren and Amy Foss pose for a picture during the powderpuff game. ③ How much do we put in? During science class, sophomores Jonathan Burley and Kayla Whitaker try to complete their lab. ④ Working hard. During Drivers Education class, freshman Joslin Nelson studies for an upcoming test.



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Jenna Barentzen, Sara Barnard, Jason Barnes, Jessie Bauer, Shane Baugh



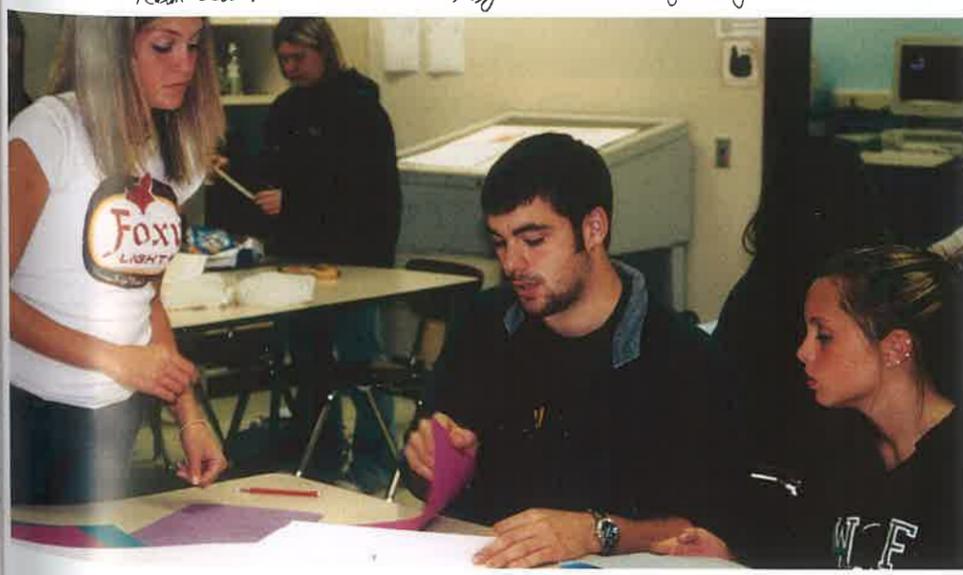
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Adam Bertel, Carly Bjork, Elizabeth Bjork, Shai Boe, Kristopher Borchert



So it goes like this?... Working not only hard but together, seniors Steph Daul, David Rankin and Chelsy Klava complete their group assignment for publications class.

Friends: Will They Last

by Brittany Kloos
Index Editor

Through school experiences, students acquire many necessary life skills. Students learn how to interact with others and manage time wisely while still finding time for fun. Who students see at school and who they interact with everyday makes up who a person is. Many students credit their friends and acquaintances with the

positive decisions they have made during their school years and in life. My best friends helped me change who I was, for the better and I thank them for it. Bobby Brand said, Friends are also people to

“ My best friends helped me change who I was, for the better and I thank them for it. ”
-Senior Bobby Brand

have a good time with. They are there for each other when they are having a bad time or celebrate with one another during good times. Without friends life would be so boring. You would just sit by yourself all the time and that wouldn't be fun, senior Allison Morgan said. Many students wonder if they will keep in contact with their friends in three to five years? I want to keep in touch with all my friends, but I am going to go to college out of state, so it might be tough to keep in touch, senior Jeremy Sheldon said. Luckily now, technology has made easier ways for people to keep in touch.

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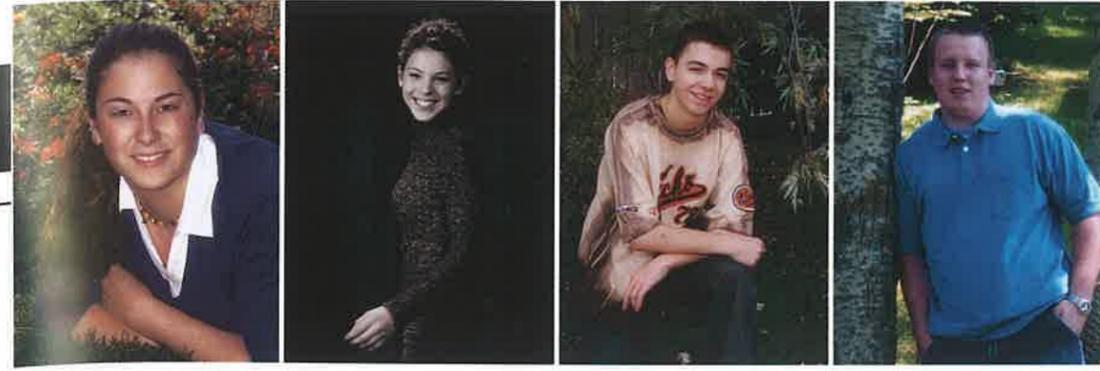
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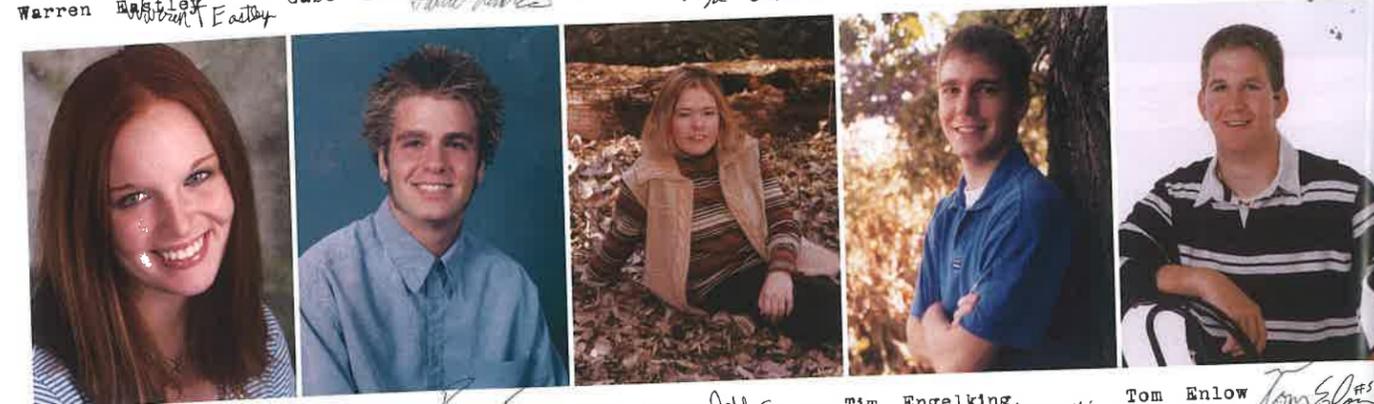
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Alison Elsaas, Bryan Elstad, Jill Emery, Tim Engelking, Tom Enlow



Cassandra Erickson, Kristen Elstad, Kryshel Evans, Evan Fahrman, Elizabeth Healey

123 break! While playing on the junior high field, seniors Mandy Readel, Katie Paczkowski, Brianna Olstad, Kellynn Fosse, Sierra Laufenberg, Brandi Grossman, Megan Wigglesworth, Jenn Triebold, Shelby Vigen and Jessica Mammenga decide on what play to use against the juniors at the PowderPuff game.



Trevor Flanagan, Preston Platen, Carson Foltz, Whitney Fontes, Kellynn Fosse



Erica Friedrich, Dusty Freitag, Laura Fugleberg, Carrie Fusa, Tiffany Goldstone



Stephanie Gross, Megan Greene, Tom Gross, Brandi Grossman, Leah Grotjohn

Seniors Go Off to College

By Trisha Howitz
Staff Writer

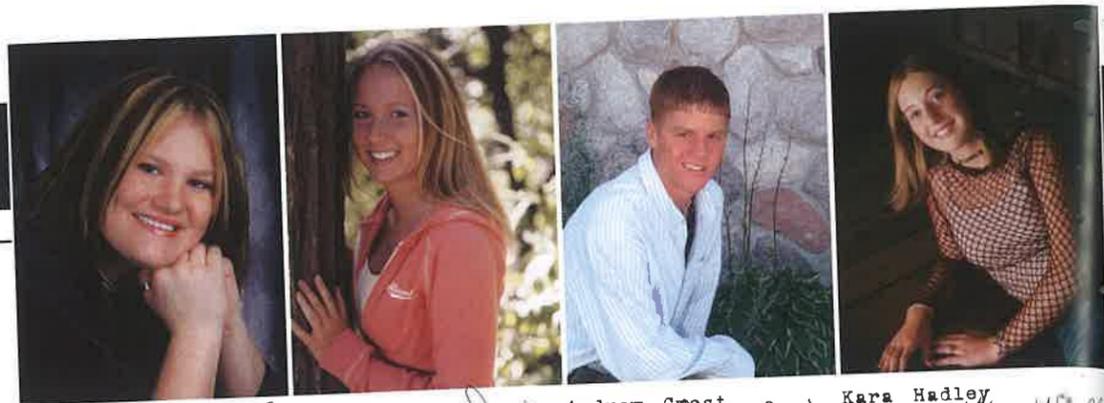
For some seniors, after graduation they are done with their education. For most graduating seniors, they plan on going off to college. There are many colleges out there for students to choose from. Many base their decision on how far they are willing to leave. I want to go to UND because I get to move away yet be close to home, senior Brittany Stargardt said. Other students base their

college decision on what the college offers. It could be for academics, the surrounding area, or activities offered. I want to attend the University in Duluth, because they have a lake and mountains around and I love the outdoors, senior Jennifer Sliper said. For others, sometimes college is just to leave home for a while and meet new people. I want to go to college so I can meet new people and see what my options are, senior Shane

“ I want to go to college so I can meet new people ... ”
-Senior Shane Iljana

Iljana said. Whether college is an opportunity to leave home for awhile, find programs and a place where there is a lot to offer, or a chance to meet new people, many seniors are getting ready for the big move next August. Most of the seniors hope that the college they decide on is a good decision.

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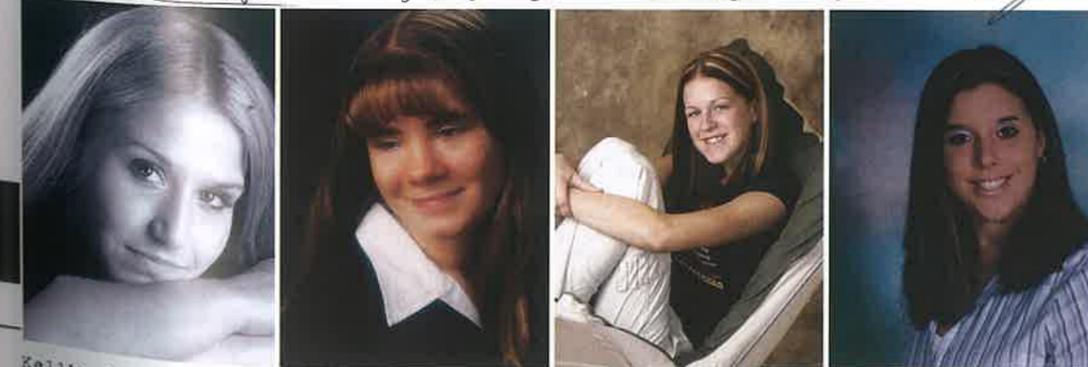
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Kyle Kassman, Alex Kelly, Alisha Kelly, Rebecca Kelsch, Nick Kerbaugh

Seniors Earn Way to College

by Marni Benson
Staff Writer

Would more seniors consider college if they did not have to pay a dime? The answer is obvious. Students are able to earn scholarships to help pay for the large expense of college. If a student is an outstanding athlete that may also help lead to a scholarship. It's nice not having to worry about paying for college, and

now I will not be forced to find a job after football and for the summer, senior Tyler Roehl said. He has received a full-ride scholarship to North Dakota State University to play football. Shelby Vigen said,

“I hope to keep my grades up this year and receive some scholarships.”
—Senior Shelby Vigen

Other students just hit the books to get out of paying the large expense of college. I hope to keep my grades up this year and receive some scholarships, senior

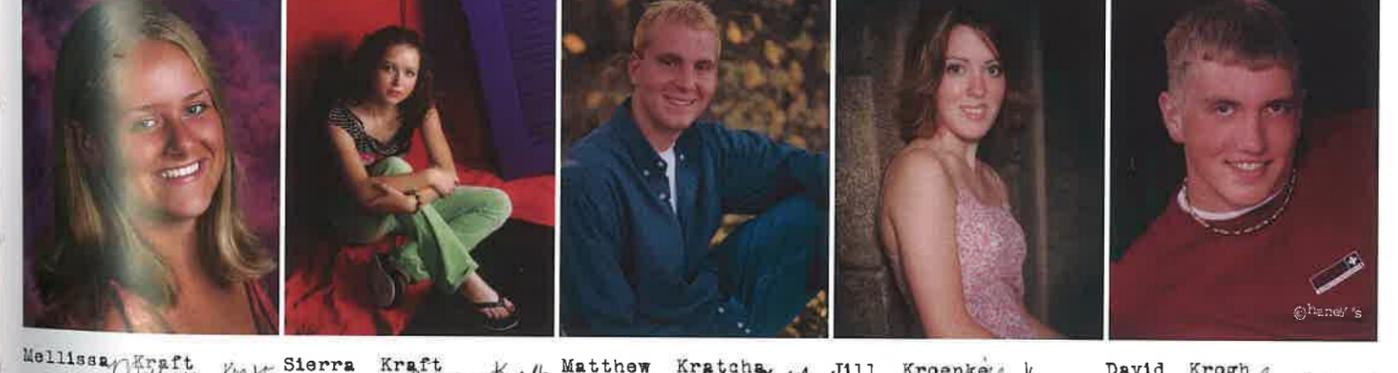
Not many realize how expensive college really is. Some students do not believe scholarship money is always for the best athletes or the smartest students. Scholarships are all earned through who you know, not necessarily how smart you are, senior Chrissy Petersen said. No matter the cost, college is a huge life investment many people are willing to pay.



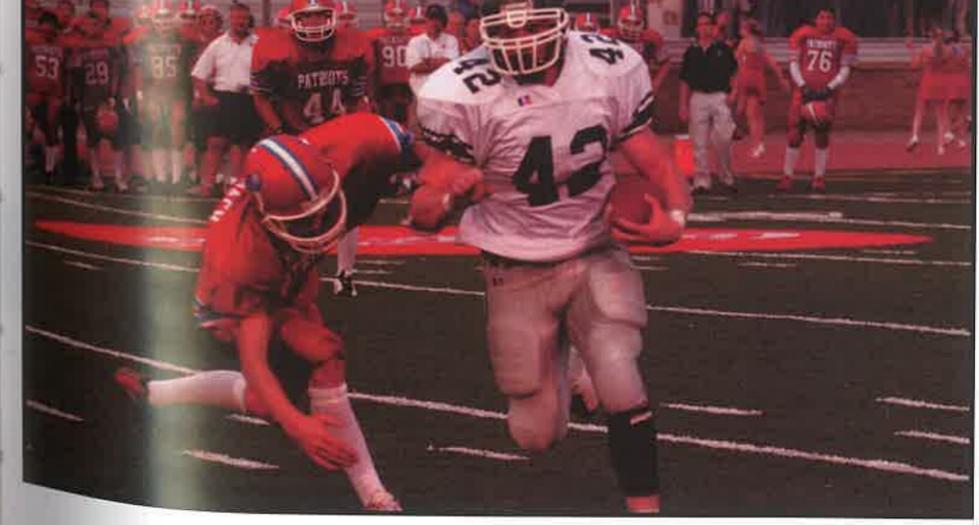
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He is going going, GONE! Cruising past a Bismarck Patriot, Tyler Roehl runs the ball towards the endzone contributing to the Packers huge win.

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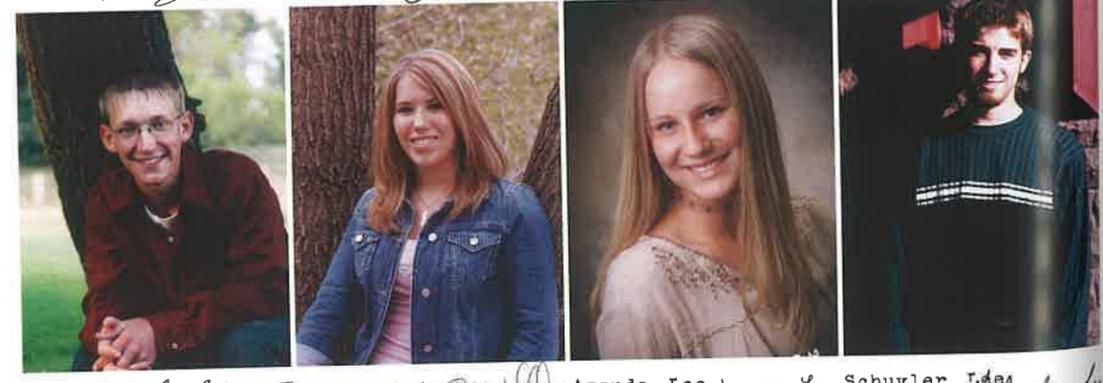
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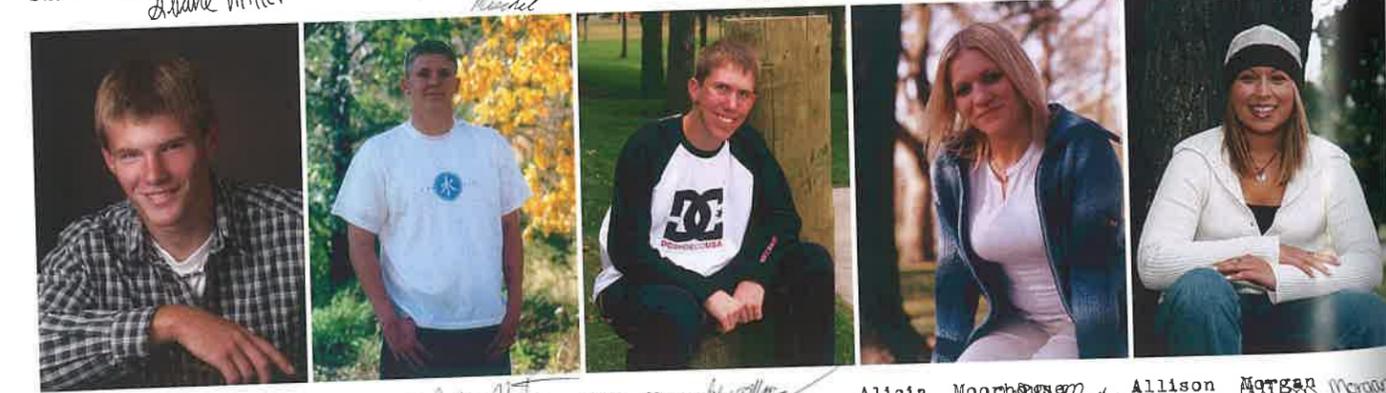
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Jodi Meisch, Amy Mesinger, Elizabeth Meyer, Kyle Millar, Samantha Miller



Shane Miller, Brandin Michael, Wes Mischn, Lindsey Moser, Brittany Moon



Toren Mohr, Austin Montgomery, Rob Moore, Alicia Moore, Allison Morgan



Seniors show their Spirit. During the West Fargo High Schools homecoming game, seniors Casandra Ellingson, Preston Flaten and Nikki Hoovestol cheer on their fellow classmates as the Packer football team takes a victory of 47 to 28 against the Red River Rough Riders.



Lisa Moser, Jacob Murray, Leah Myhre, Derek Nelson, Jeremy Nelson



Jodi Nelson, Allison Neumiller, Michael Nicholas, Allison Nicholson, Cody Nirschl



Brandon Nitschke, Erikka Nolan, Ashley Novacek, Zorka Novakov, Lindsey Nowacki

Seniors Follow Tradition

By Sam Felts
Organizations Editor

Senior skip day is the traditional day for seniors to skip. Each year, the seniors pick one day to take off and catch up on whatever they want. I think senior skip day is a lot of fun, it is one day that seniors just kind of skip out on everything that's going on in school, senior Casandra Ellingson said. When teachers learn about this day, most have drop quizzes or tests, which can-

not be made up. This makes many seniors wonder if they should actually skip. Many students have their parents call them out for the day but others skip. Some think senior skip day is a risky day, others think it is

fun. I honestly do believe that senior skip day is risky, but its traditional and most seniors feel that its only part of being a senior. Senior skip day is obviously not for everyone.

“...its traditional and most seniors feel that its only part of being a senior.”
-Senior Kellie Jacobson

Teachers are usually not proud of students who choose to skip, but it is their choice. I think most teachers would not recommend skipping on senior skip day, but most seniors just feel like they have to, senior Erika Johansen said. Although risky, students still choose to go along with the tradition and follow through with senior skip day.

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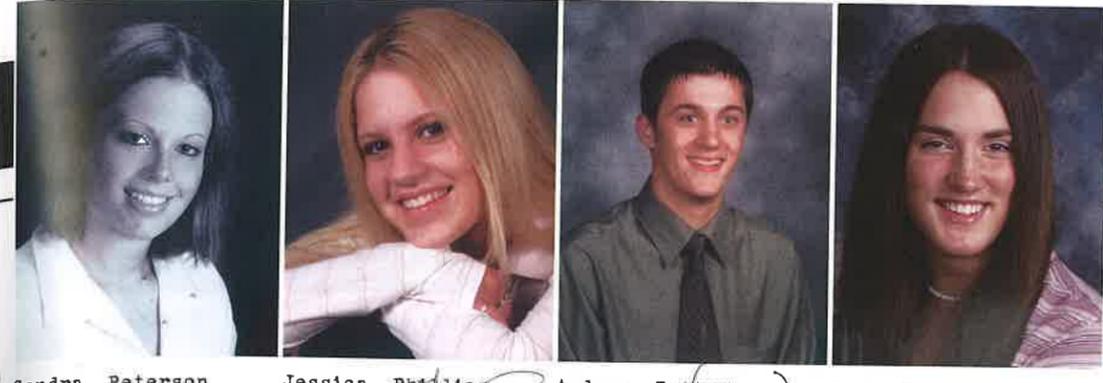
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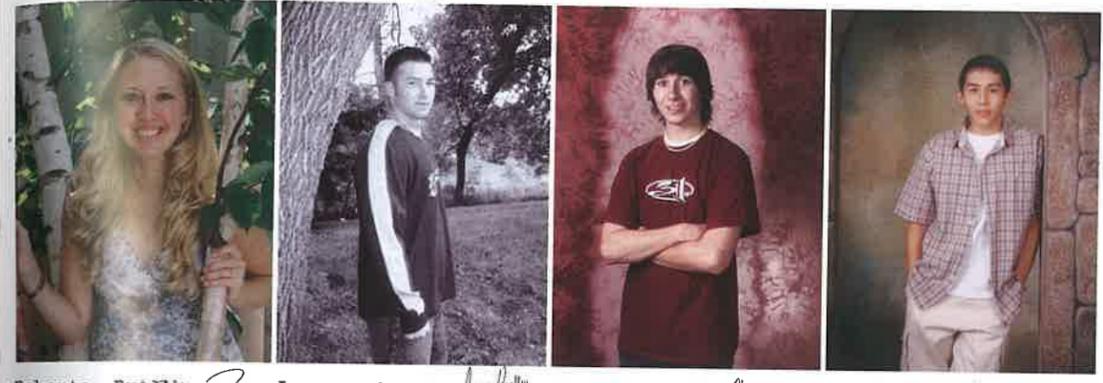
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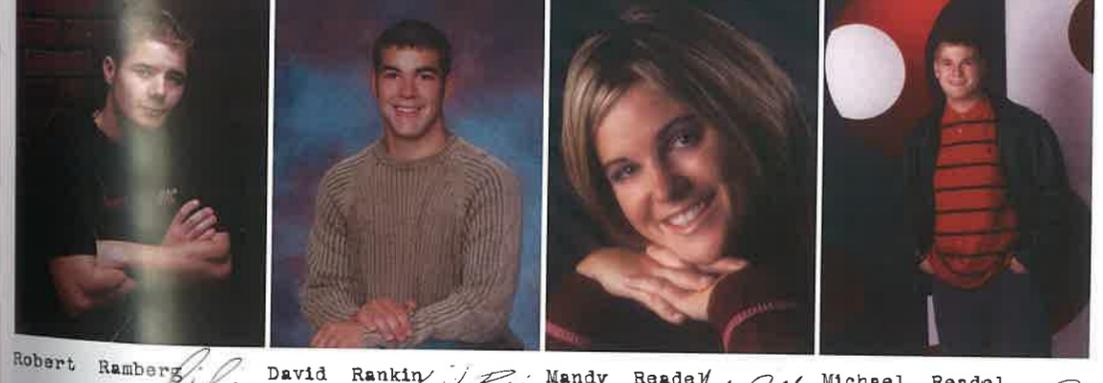
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Roberta Pylik *Roberta Pylik* Jeremy Qualley *Jeremy Qualley* Joe Quenzen *Joe Quenzen* Erick Quintanilla *Erick Quintanilla*



Robert Ramberg *Robert Ramberg* David Rankin *David Rankin* Mandy Reader *Mandy Reader* Michael Reader *Michael Reader*



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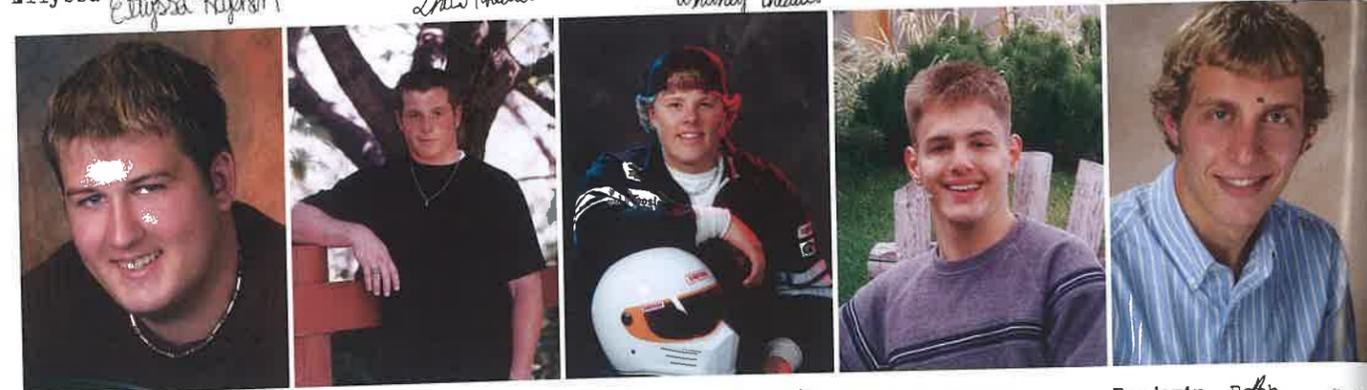
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Seniors Look Back In Time

by Todd Volk
Assistant Editor

With their high school careers coming to a close, the class of 2004 looks back to the year 2000, when they first came to a school unfamiliar to them scared, anxious and ready to get started on a new chapter in their life. I was really worried, because I thought the seniors would say

something mean and shove me into a locker, senior Kara Dahley said.

Although many would never admit it, most did not sleep too well a few days before their freshman year began. I started to get

“I started to get pretty worried about making it to my classes on time...”

-Senior Katie Becker

pretty worried about making it to my classes on time because the high school seemed so

gigantic compared to the old middle school, senior Katie Becker said.

Looking back, most seniors

would agree, life in the ninth

grade was a more simple time. The courses have gotten much more difficult, but I've also found that they have, in fact, become increasingly more enjoyable and fun because of your relationship with your friends and teachers, senior Joie Sherman said.

Finally, now the class of 2004, after thirteen years, is ready to graduate and head off into the real world.



Karl Saxowsky Alex Schaleben Tara Schmidt Travis Schmidt Andrew Schoonhoven



Scott Schuchard Jenna Schultz Kimberly Schultz Valerie Schultz Krystal Schwartz



Tracy Schweitzer Keith Sebelius Kelsie Seliskar Joanna Sherman Nicole Simpson

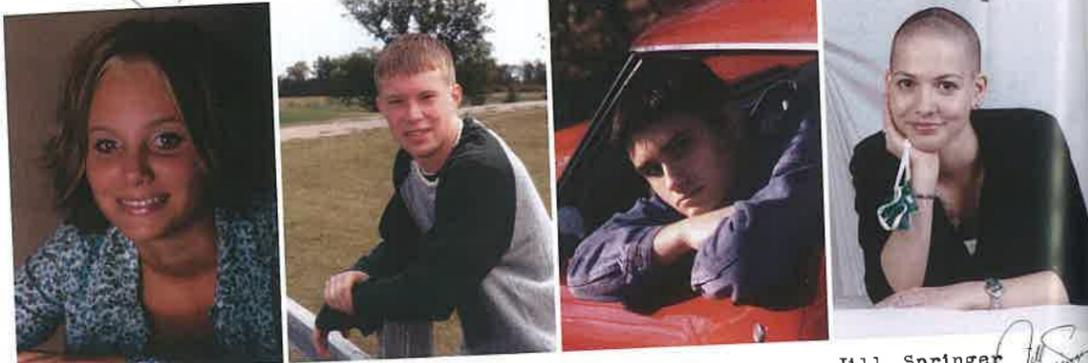


A great deed indeed. Giving Blood for the annual blood drive, seniors Alisha Kelly and Kaila Margheim donate blood to the United Blood Services. This event is sponsored by Student Council and is open to all students 17 years of age or older.

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Tony Sinkler *Tony Sinkler* Jeffrey Sinner *Jeff Sinner* Jennifer Sinner *Jennifer Sinner* Brandon Sola *Brandon Sola*



Jessica Soland *Jessica Soland* Tyler Spiekermeyer *Tyler Spiekermeyer* Adam Spiker *Adam Spiker* Jill Springer *Jill Springer*



Brittany Stanger *Brittany Stanger* Matthew Staska *Matthew Staska* Anthony Stolman *Anthony Stolman* Zach Strand *Zach Strand*



Nathan Swensen *Nathan Swensen* Cody Symanietz *Cody Symanietz* Cory Syverson *Cory Syverson* Chris Tande *Chris Tande*



Mandy Tennancour *Mandy Tennancour* Stephanie Thomas *Stephanie Thomas* Heidi Topkin *Heidi Topkin* John Tomaszewski *John Tomaszewski*



Jennifer Triebold *Jennifer Triebold* Travis Ulmer *Travis Ulmer* Nick Urlaub *Nick Urlaub* Jonathan Vance *Jonathan Vance*



Ryan Vangrud *Ryan Vangrud* Shanna Vetter *Shanna Vetter* Shelby Vigen *Shelby Vigen* Jordan Volk *Jordan Volk*



Ryan Vorwerk *Ryan Vorwerk* Maria Walen *Maria Walen* Tyler Walker *Tyler Walker* Jennifer Wangler *Jennifer Wangler*

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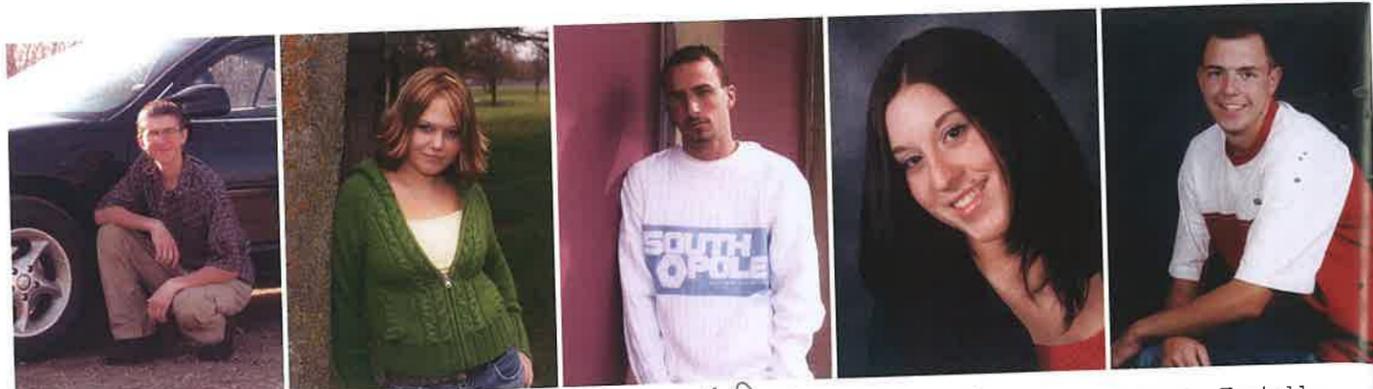
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Matt Western *Matt Western* Megan Wigglesworth *Megan Wigglesworth* Mike Wilhelmi *Mike Wilhelmi* Allen Wilkens *Allen Wilkens* Dan Williams *Dan Williams*

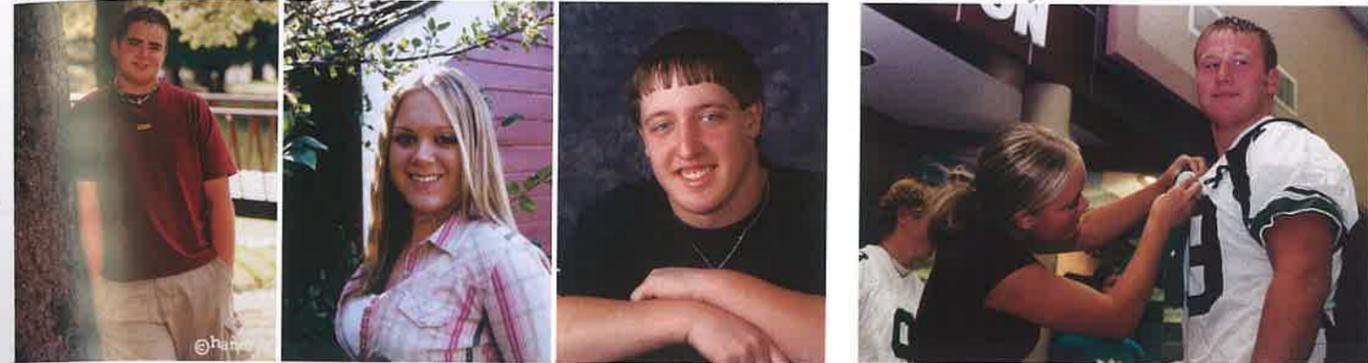


Anna Willows *Anna Willows* Ashley Wilson *Ashley Wilson* Megan Winter *Megan Winter* Sherry Witt *Sherry Witt* Angela Woodbury *Angie Woodbury*

Lets go volleyball...Before the state volleyball tournament senior Erika Johansen puts up volleyballs with the players names and numbers on them in the Packer Connection window display.



Carter Woodley *Carter Woodley* Candi Worden *Candi Worden* Caroline Wyman *Caroline Wyman* Teresa Yanish *Teresa Yanish* Derek Young *Derek Young*



Joey Zacher *Joey Zacher* Danielle Zahradka *Danielle Zahradka* Nathan Zakopyko *Nathan Zakopyko*

2004 Seniors Not Pictured

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|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Andrew Alfstad | Keighla Flebiger | Craig Koenen | Nicholas Rosdahl |
| Cean Alisulivani | Jaime Gange | Paul Kummer | Wesley Schulz |
| Melissa Beckmann | Richard Gruer | Matthew Langford | Jeremy Sheldon |
| Theresa Beckmann | Jacob Hample | Chris Laulinger | Danijel Tahirovic |
| Christopher Borah | Alan Jesser | Viet Le | Alisha Thompson |
| Jayson Dandurand | Kory Johnson | Sophia Leal | Zachery Thompson |
| Kim Diedrich | Michael Jore | Ka-Ho Leung | Luljeta Bllahiu |
| Graham Dundal | Jenna Kemmer | Joshua Peterson | Mariam Zuri |

Changes After Turning 18

Turning 18 comes with having fun, new freedoms and a whole lot of responsibilities. Many seniors are excited for their big day, when they finally turn 18, and others are not really ready to grow up. I cant wait to turn 18 because I can finally get a tattoo, and the new responsibilities arent going to be a big factor for me, senior Kara Hadley said. Other students feel different.

They would rather skip a few years, so some things would be legal, and they would not get in serious troubles such as going to jail or getting their name put on television. I wish I was 21 rather than 18 because there are a lot better things you can do,

senior Kory Johnson said. Some seniors at West Fargo are excited to be an adult and ready for the responsibilities but the seniors that are already 18 do not find it any different than the year before. I dont think there are that

“ I dont think there are that many new things to being 18... ”
-Senior Drew Rhealt

By Jen Grund
Staff Writer

many new things to being 18, and I dont think that it is a big difference, senior Drew Rheault said. Being an adult, freedom and gambling are what seniors look forward to. One can hope that all the seniors at West Fargo are responsible with their new privileges and make good decisions when turning 18.

Ill get this right...After being named to the homecoming court, senior Dan Dardis is pinned by junior Missy Johnson.

Im a winner...After a dominant game of Skee Ball, senior Brittany Kloos holds up the tickets she has won.

senior picks

Most School Spirit
Matt Western & Katie Paczkowski



Most Gubble
Tom Enlow & Jamie Boutiette

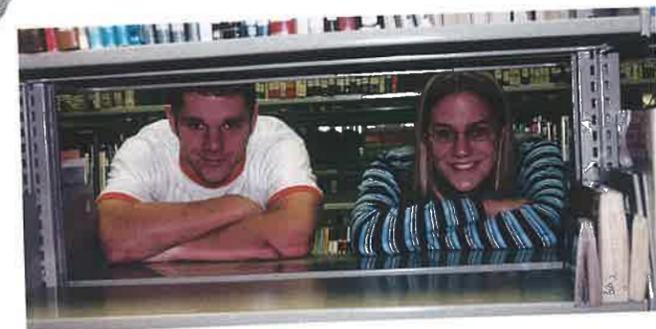


Most Shy
Drew Rheault & Kelbi Dahlgren



Best Body
Cole Riemets & Kelsie Selbick

Most Energetic
Shane Iljana & Kelly Klaers

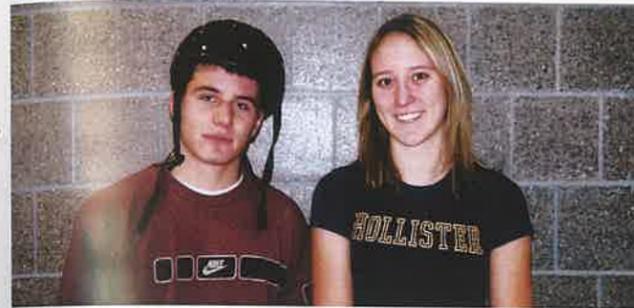


Best Eyes
Travis Schmidt & Jennifer Lundgren



Most Athletic
Tyler Roehl & Jennifer Grund

Most Friendly
Tyler Walker & Heidi Tobkin



Best Dressed
Tony Sinkler & Shelby Vigen



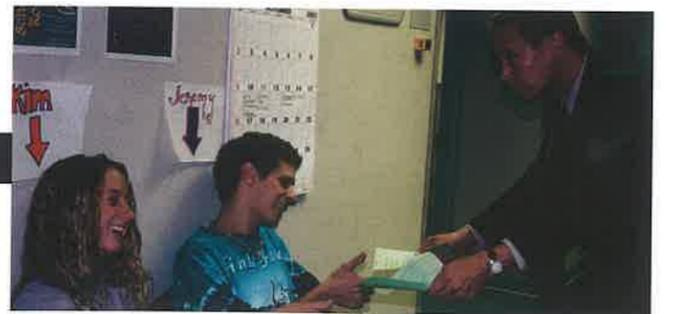
Always in the Office
Jeremy Sheldon & Kim Dietrich



Craziest Driver
Jon Kasowski & Nikki Hoovestad



Best Smile
Matt Staska & Brittany Kloos



Teacher's Pet
Alex Parkhouse & Sarah Christanson

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Best Friends
Megan Carnevan & Britni LeClair

Best Friends
Dave Rankin & Jarred LaDouceur

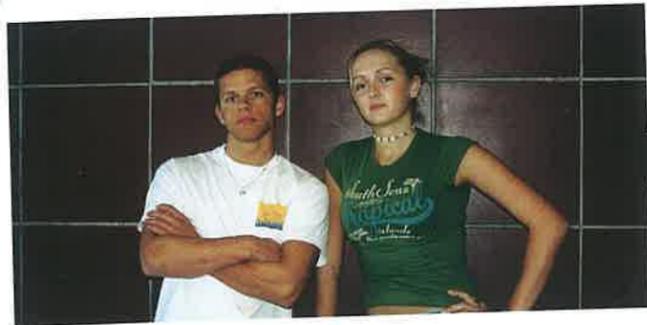


Most Likely to be President
Jordan Volk & Shai Boe



Most Cocky
Jon Vance & Toni Haider

Most Talkative
Bobby Brand & Allison Morgan



Class Clown
Meagan Marqheim & Preston Flaten

Cutest Couple
Keith Sebehus & Tiffany Goldstone



Most Flirtatious
Jeremy Quabbe & Liz Meyer

Most Opinionated
Dave Holland & Kara Hadbey



Most Artistic
Tim Engelking & Britni LeClair

Best Car
Zach Strand & Tiffany Goldstone



Most Likely to Live in WF Forever
Dan Dardis & Cassie Ellingson

Most Likely to win American Idol
Jake Murray & Jore Sherman



Most Chummy
Warren Eastbey & Lindsey Lauritsen

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Senior Memories

Good Times, Bad Times

My memories were the dances and the pep rallies.
Zachary Hakanson

When Corey Ohnstead took out Brian McNeil in the mascot suit, junior year. David Holland

Both of the powder puff games and all of the 'shermie' action. Kellie Jacobson

All the times riding the bus after the football games at Travis Schmidts house. Allison Morgan

All the crazy fans at the football games, and the King of Crazy, Preston Flaten. Brittany Kloos

All the fun times with the guys and girls, and cant forget about those categories. Steph Daul

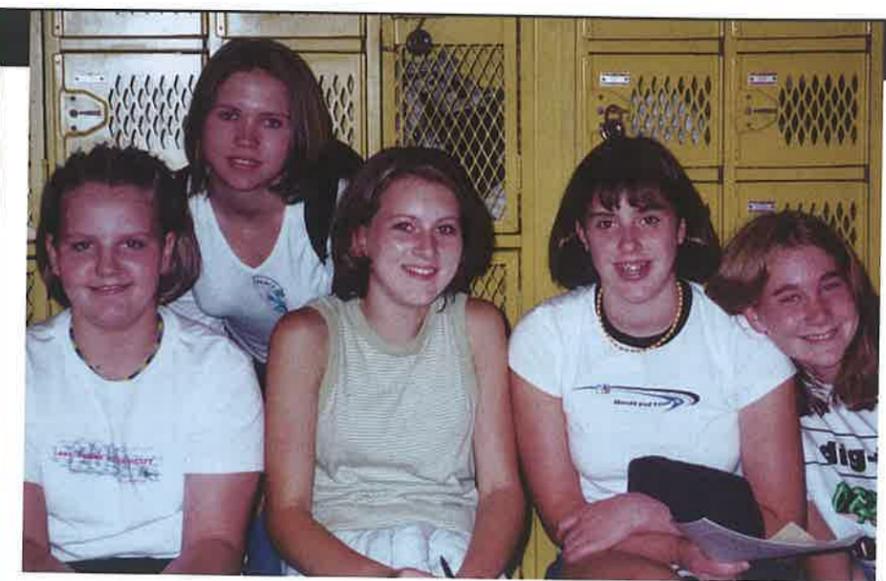
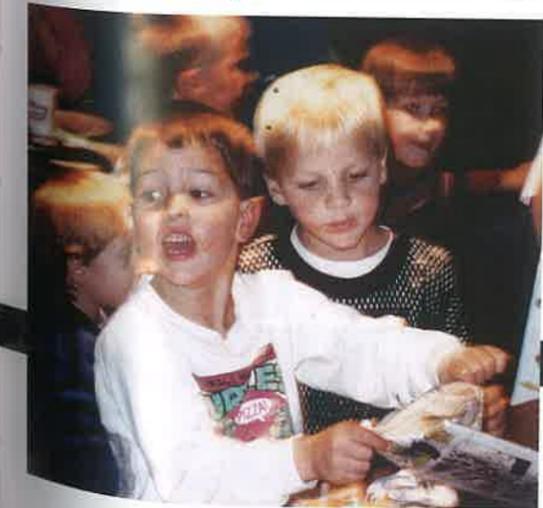
When the packatahnas won state and also the spirit award! Kara Dahley

Back when I was a freshman I got in a lot of trouble, and now I havent been getting any detention and I got good grades without serving summer school. Kerra LaPlante

When Erica Fredrich just about fell of the house in Building Trades. Tom Enlow went to grab her and stop her from falling and grabbed her butt instead. Missy Bjorland

All the bashes at Hammer Hamplicks house. Tony Sinkler

The porta pottie missions with Bob, Chris, Matt, and Jerm. Tyler Walker



A certain cheese nip game in the bathroom at state b-ball games. Thanks Ty and Jerm. Nathan Aamodt

All the Friday night football games. Ty Roehl

Flaming poo missions to Mr. Tefft. Anonymous

Bauers Bash. Derek Anderson

Hanging out with the girls and guys and oh ya, those rough bus rides! Kelsie Selisker

Hanging out with my friends and teachers. Jill Emery

Ripping my pants during softball practice, when there were boys in the next gym over playing basketball, and volleyball girls in the halls waiting. I was so embarrassed I got tears in my eyes, and turned so red. Candi Worden

My favorite memory is after a choir concert last year a bunch of girls stole Brandon Hs clothes, and when he was looking for them TJ pantsed him, so Brandon mooned a bunch of people including his parents. Ashley Novacex

Prom of 2002 because that is where I met my best friend for life.. Ben Larson. It was also the most fun Ive ever had with my friends. It is times like that Ill miss about high school. Jodi Meisch

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New Privileges

by Trisha Howitz
Staff Writer

Becoming a junior at West Fargo High School brings many privileges to students. Whether it is having open study halls, being part of the PowderPuff game, taking AP classes or getting the chance to take standardized tests, many juniors use the new privileges to their advantage.

Open study hall is for juniors and seniors that have fourth or seventh hour study hall. Many juniors enjoy this new privilege.

I enjoy having fourth hour open because I can go home for over an hour and just relax, junior Emily Vetter said.

The PowderPuff game is another big privilege for the junior girls. The PowderPuff game is a flag football game where junior and senior girls compete against each other. All the girls enjoy it.

I thought the PowderPuff game was a lot of fun, junior Danielle Knoll said.

Many of the new privileges for the juniors are fun. A lot of them are not. Taking a standardized test may not be fun, but many juniors take them.

Im excited to take the ACT to see how I do, but Im not looking forward to the long test, junior Kelsey Peterson said.

Whether it is having open study hall, being able to participate in the PowderPuff game or taking the ACT, becoming a junior at West Fargo High School has many new privileges.



Come on team! While watching the PowderPuff game, juniors Megan Emerson and Jamie Lund watch their team compete.

Amber Aarestad
Farniyo Abdulkarim
Joseph Ackerland
Geranti Adam

Alicia Albrecht
Joseph Allmaras
Matthew Anderson
Alyson Archibald

Makaelen Armstrong
Caillin Bailey
Luke Baldwin
Kelsey Beauchamp

William Behrmann
Katie Belgarde
Cortney Benjamin
Lacey Benson

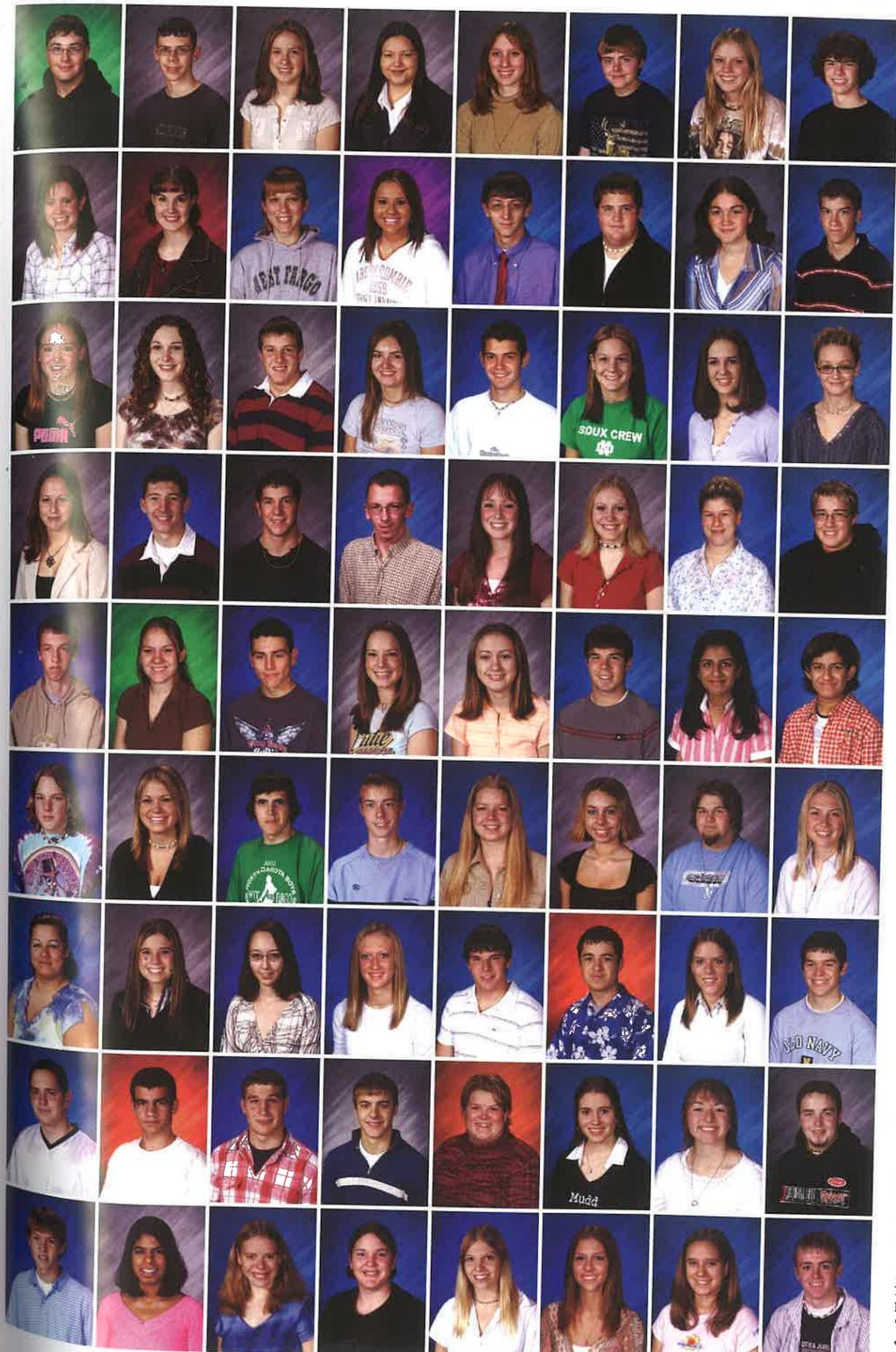
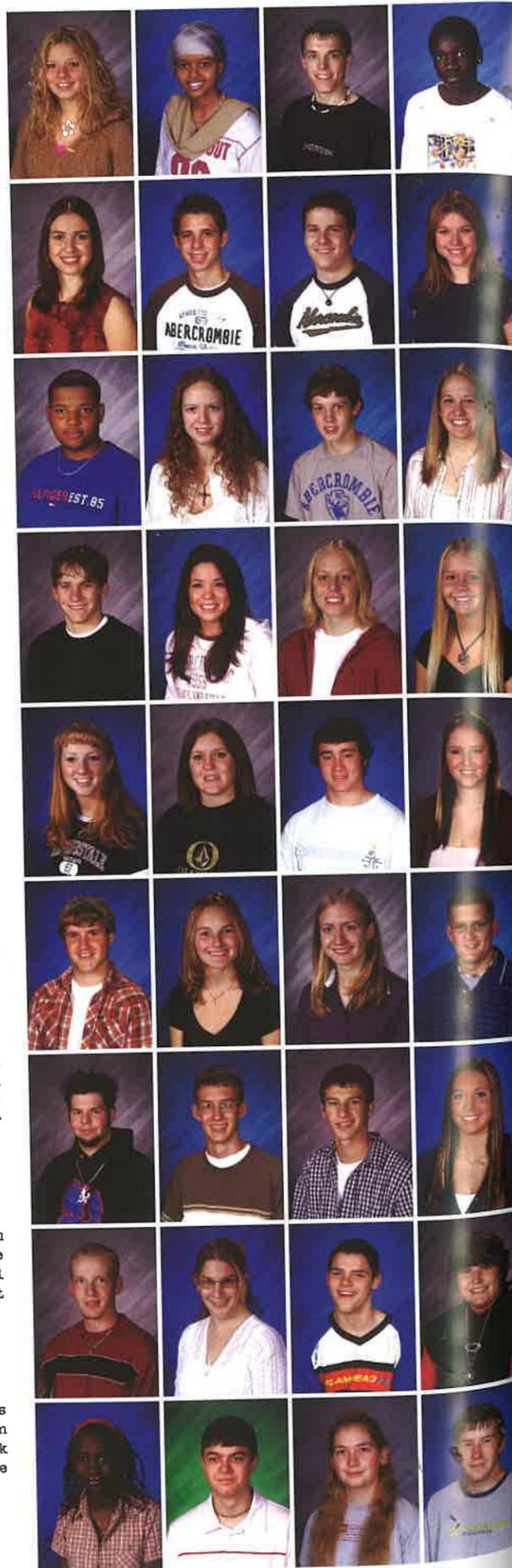
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Nathan Boll
Erika Boser

Nicholas Brand
Hilary Brasel
Carlie Brekke
Creighton Brown

Nicholas Bruggeman
Brendan Bubach
Mark Burkle
Trisha Burner

Chad Byklum
Courtney Carlisle
Kirk Carmichael
Casey Cavett

Malga Charles
Cody Christianson
Abigail Clark
Nick Close



Nolan Collins
Joshua Corneliusen
Kristina Cumber
Chantel Cummings
Erin Cummings
Nathan Cwikla
Allie Dahl
Jonathon Dandurand

Amanda Danielson
Kristen Daum
Casey Dean
Ashley Delorme
Michael Deyle
Loren Dickens
Randi Diele
Jared Diemert

Stephanie Dirks
Courtney Dockter
Jonathon Dondoneau
Kelly Donlin
Dustin Doran
Amanda Drees
Anna Driscoll
Kassandra Ebel

Brittany Eberhardt
Brady Edwards
Johnathan Effinger
Calvin Efferfield
Amy Elledge
Megan Emerson
Christa Entzminger
Jordan Erickson

Tyler Erickson
Savannah Erstad
Jesse Ertelt
Rebeca Esquivel
Christine Esser
Ceth Farkas
Maham Fayyaz
Shazim Fayyaz

Peter Feick
Samantha Felts
Tyler Finck
Scott Flaagan
Andrea Flaten
Sarah Flores
Derrick Forde
Amy Foss

Heather Freadrich
Stacie Frovarp
Evelyn Fuentes
Brianna Gebeke
Trent Gehrig
Matthew Gilbertson
Jonl Grant
Nicholas Graves

Brian Gustafson
Basim Habib
Andrew Hagel
Kyle Hager
Amanda Halder
Jessica Hajek
Sasha Hand
Andrew Hardy

Derek Harsch
Nanda Hart
Stephanie Hasse
Alyssa Hegvick
Britta Hehr
Makell Hehr
Tricia Heiden
Jerod Heitkamp

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Amanda Hewson
Tracy Hill
Andrew Holland
Nicole Holm
Travis Holmes
Ethan Hongess
Zachary Horn
Kristin Hoy

Angela Hunt
Misty Irving
Bekim Jaha
Jasmin Jarocki
Angela Jasken
Kirk Jensen
Rebecca Jensen
Travis Jensen

Robert John
Blair Johnson
Heather Johnson
Lance Johnson
Melissa Johnson
Nathan Johnson
Scott Johnson
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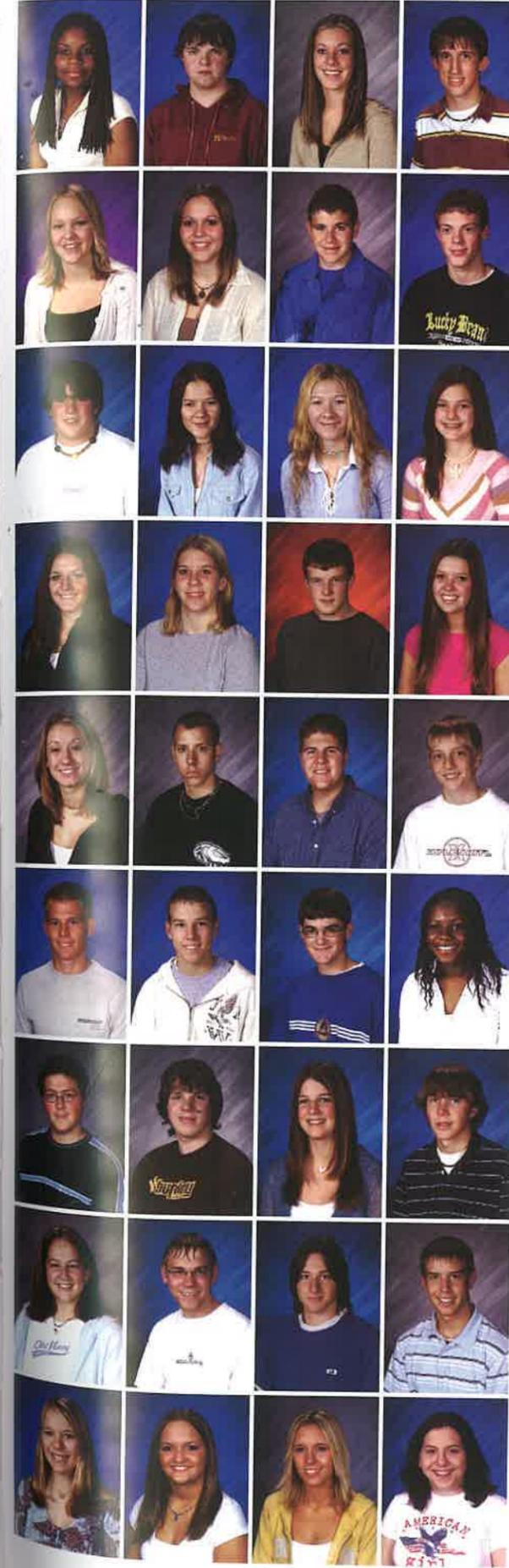
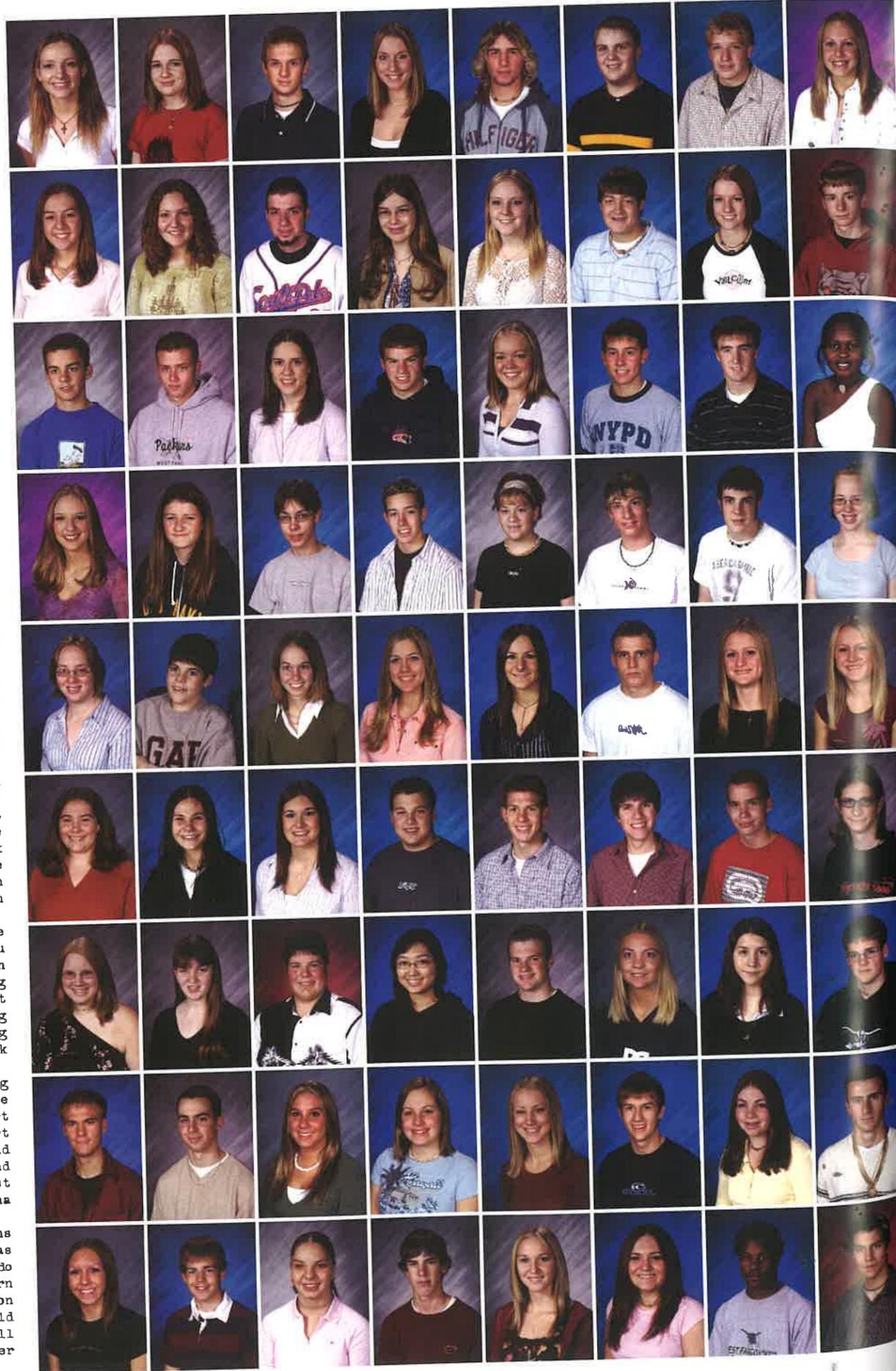
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Casey Kraft
Justin Krause
Jonathan Kuik
Bradley Kvamme
Anthony Larson
Jon-Claude Larson

Samantha Lattimore
Whitney Lau
Bruce Lehmann
Yim Moon Leung
Nicholas Liljequist
Laura Lindberg
Megan Lisburg
Ryan Lisk

John Loberg
Billy Longmire
Chelsea Lugert
Rachel Lugert
Jamie Lund
Tyson Lund
Alexa Lundquist
Visar Luzha

Mariah Lyons
Eric Maas
Maria Carolina Maldonado
Greg Mattson
Kayla Mattson
Cassandra McDonald
Brian McNeill
Brian Meyer



Domainique Midell Schiller
Jared Miller
Michelle Miller
Nicholas Mitchell

Abby Monson
Staci Monson
Joshua Morman
Jason Muller

Cody Muscha
Elmedina Music
Jasmina Music
Bridgette Myers

Katie Nechiporenko
Melody Neer
Joshua Nelson
Chelsea Neubauer

Ashley Nichelson
Matthew Nicholas
Christopher Nilson
Lee Nitschke

MacKinsey Nygaard
James O'Hara Jr
Matthew Ohnstad
Karen Okigbo

Derek Olgeirson
Kody Olmstead
Jennifer Olson
Scott Olson

Ashley Ottesen
Benjamin Pankow
Jesse Parrow
Nicholas Pavak

Kathryn Peterson
Kelsey Peterson
Lyndsay Peterson
Marcy Ruth Poitra

College Visits

by Makell Hehr
Staff Writer

Where is everyone going today? That is the question many might be asking on a day called Assessment Day. This is the day the juniors get to pick one college to visit. The students pick from MSUM, NDSU, Concordia, Aakers, NW Tech or cosmetology school. Students enjoy college visit because they get the chance to leave school.

It was a lot more fun than last year because we got to get out of school, junior Loren Dickens said.

In the morning, the students board the buses, and go to their chosen destination. They then spend a couple hours at the school. They go on a tour and learn about the school. When the two hours are up, they reload the buses and return back to school to continue the rest of the day. Students went to many different types of colleges and were entertained by their experience.

I went to NW Tech, it was really interesting, junior Lyndsay Peterson said.

Some juniors, may choose not to visit a college and instead take the ASVAB test. The ASVAB test is an aptitude test given by the military. I went to a college, but I might take the ASVAB test later on in the year, junior Blair Johnson said.

The choice is up to the student, but each option has its own rewards. No matter what junior students choose to do for Assessment day, students are sure to have a fun experience.



Go West Fargo! During one of the football games juniors Jamie Lund, Amber Berglund, Brianna Gebeke, Karli Rodgers, and Nichole Rheault eagerly watch the game.

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AP Lends Options

by Maham Fayyaz

Staff Writer

What are Advance Placement (AP) classes, and why do many students prefer to be in them? AP classes are like normal classes offered to students at WFHS except they are of more challenge and higher skills. AP classes that are offered at WFHS for juniors are AP English, AP U.S. History and AP Biology.

AP classes challenge students in a way in which they develop higher-learning skills. AP develops higher critical thinking skills and uses higher thinking such as evaluation, syntheses, and analysis. AP English teacher, Mrs. Marti Simmons said,

In these classes, students are required to do and know more than what is expected in normal classes.

It's more demanding, and the students have to put a lot of thought in their work, junior Courtney Benjamin said.

What do many students find beneficial about taking AP classes? It is a way for students to become aware of what is coming later.

AP classes help prepare students for college, junior Christine Esser said.

Another fact about AP classes is that the teachers teach the material at an accelerated pace. That also means that students are required to know more in a shorter amount of time.

AP classes are beneficial to students, and they teach students higher-level thinking.

Kevin Pomey
Nathan Potter
Daniel Prashek
Sarah Rebenitsch

Heather Reule
Jessica Reyerson
Ashley Rheault
Nichole Rheault

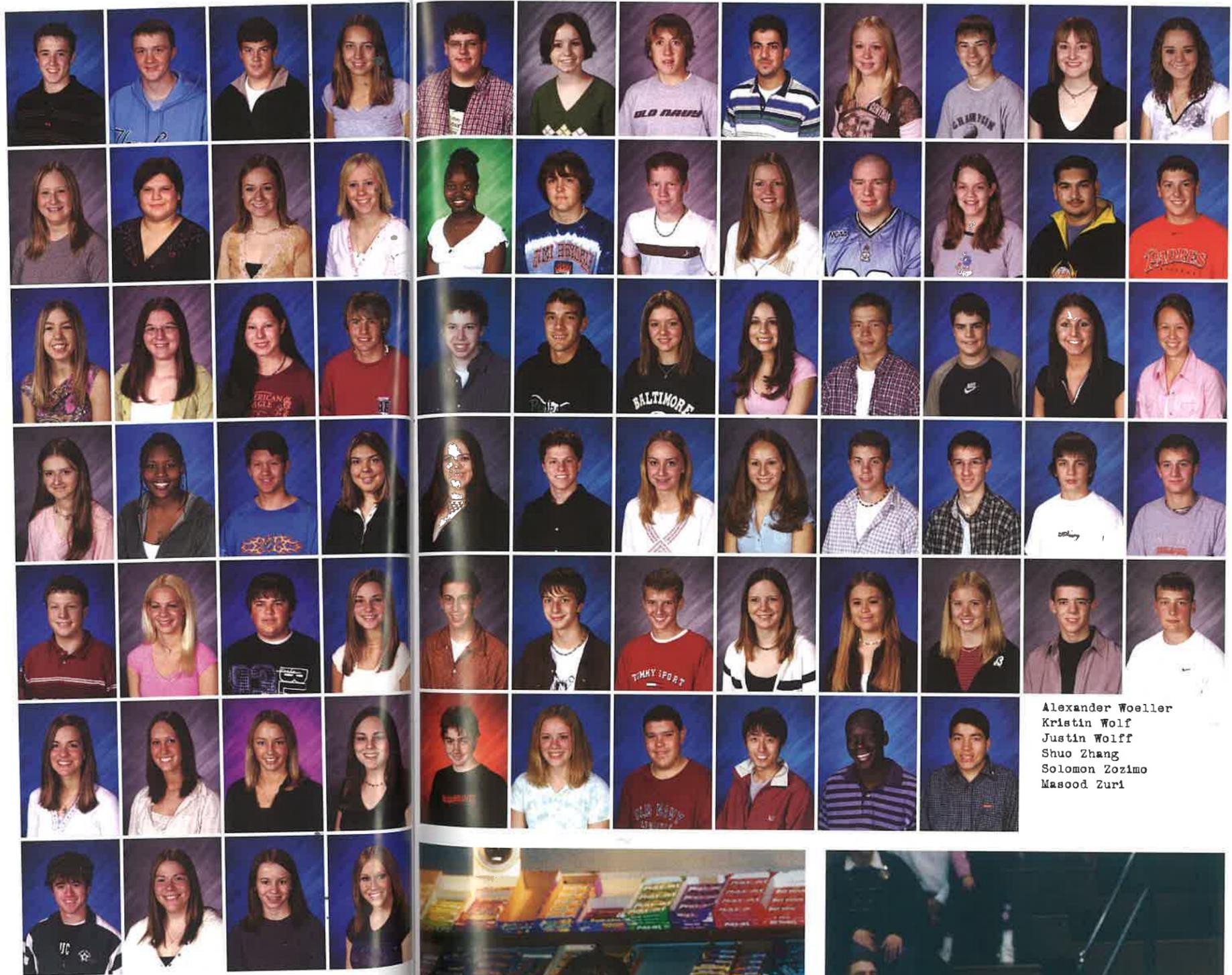
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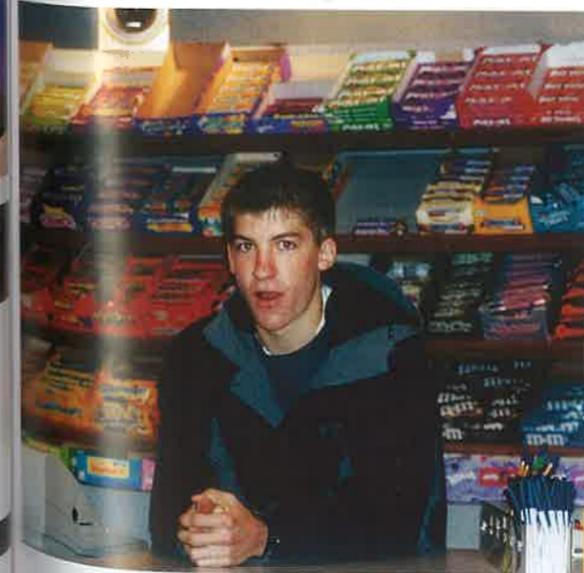


2004 Juniors Not Pictured

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| Kevin Brager | Calais Harmon | Joshua Olson |
| Nicholas Bruesch | Christopher Kuhn | Amber Richard |
| Christina Campbell | Ray Langseth | Allen Schmalz |
| Amanda Christensen | An Le | Jesse Wendlick |
| Alicia Everding | | |



Hold on tight! During Rake & Run, juniors Missy Schiller and Danika Vigessaa shove leaves in the bag.



Alex Sheehan
Mallory Shirley
Cody Shoman
Sabah Shukr
Emily Silbernagel
Taylor Skoog
Jena Smedhammer
Tiffany Snyder

Night Soroba
Brady Spletstaszer
Jerad Steichen
Lindsay Stokes
Brock Storrusten
Mallory Suchy
Elvir Tahirovic
Ryan Tandeski

Brandon Teets
Bradley Thomas
Sarah Tintes
Kandice Torres
Paul Two Hearts
Nicholas Ulmer
Emily Vetter
Danika Vigessaa

Erica Volk
Todd Volk
Lindsey Volker
Greta Wagendorf
Aaron Wagner
Dustin Wagner
Cody Walliser
Troy Wambach

Apollo Weber
Brant Weller
Peter Wiederholt
Kati Wilcox
Kelley Wilhelm
Michelle Wilke
Christopher Wilsted
Matthew Winter

Alexander Woeller
Kristin Wolf
Justin Wolff
Shuo Zhang
Solomon Zozimo
Masood Zuri

Can I help you?
While working the Packer Connection during marketing class, junior Jared Diemert patiently waits for customers to help.

Did she make it?
While focusing in on a basketball game, juniors Nicole Holm, Amy Foss, Nichole Rheault and Lindsay Stokes wait for their turn to play.

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 Luke Annenson
 Phillip Adam
 Suzanne Al-Kayali
 Whitney Althoff
 Jordan Andersen
 Benjamin Anderson
 Brett Anderson

Bryan Anderson
 Ian Anderson
 Kayla Anderson
 Kyle Anderson
 Matthew Arnold
 Bruce Austreng
 Charlie Barnard
 Jannel Barnes

Darin Barnett
 Paul Bartron
 Scott Bartsch
 John Baumgartner
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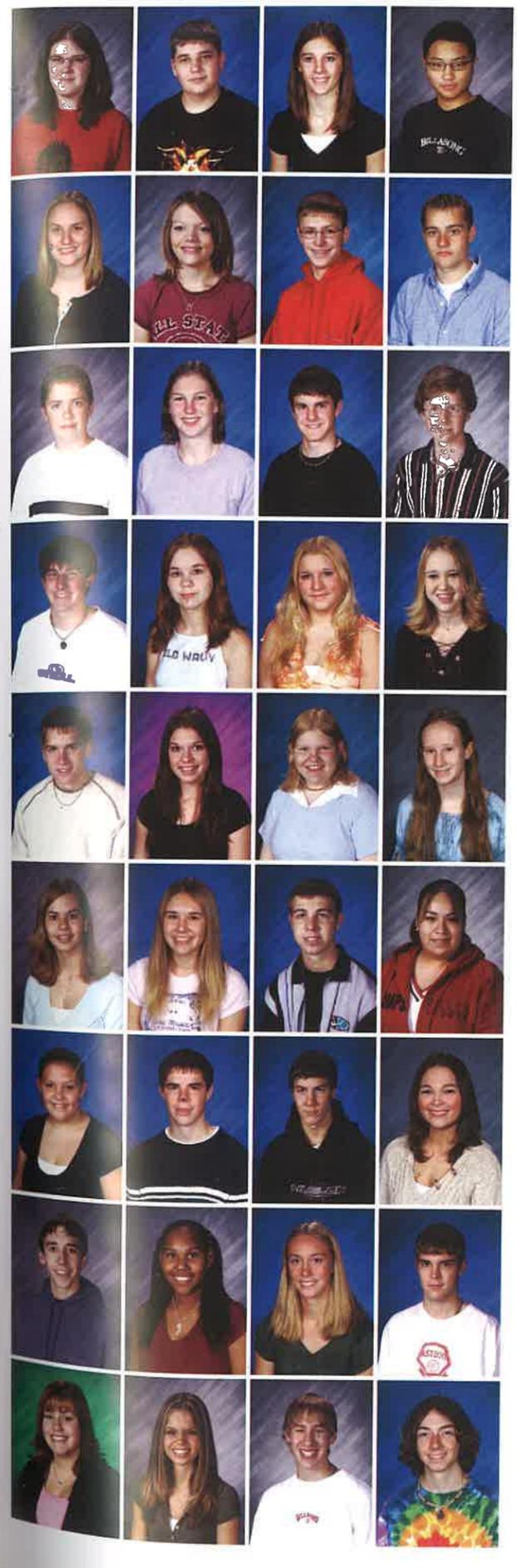
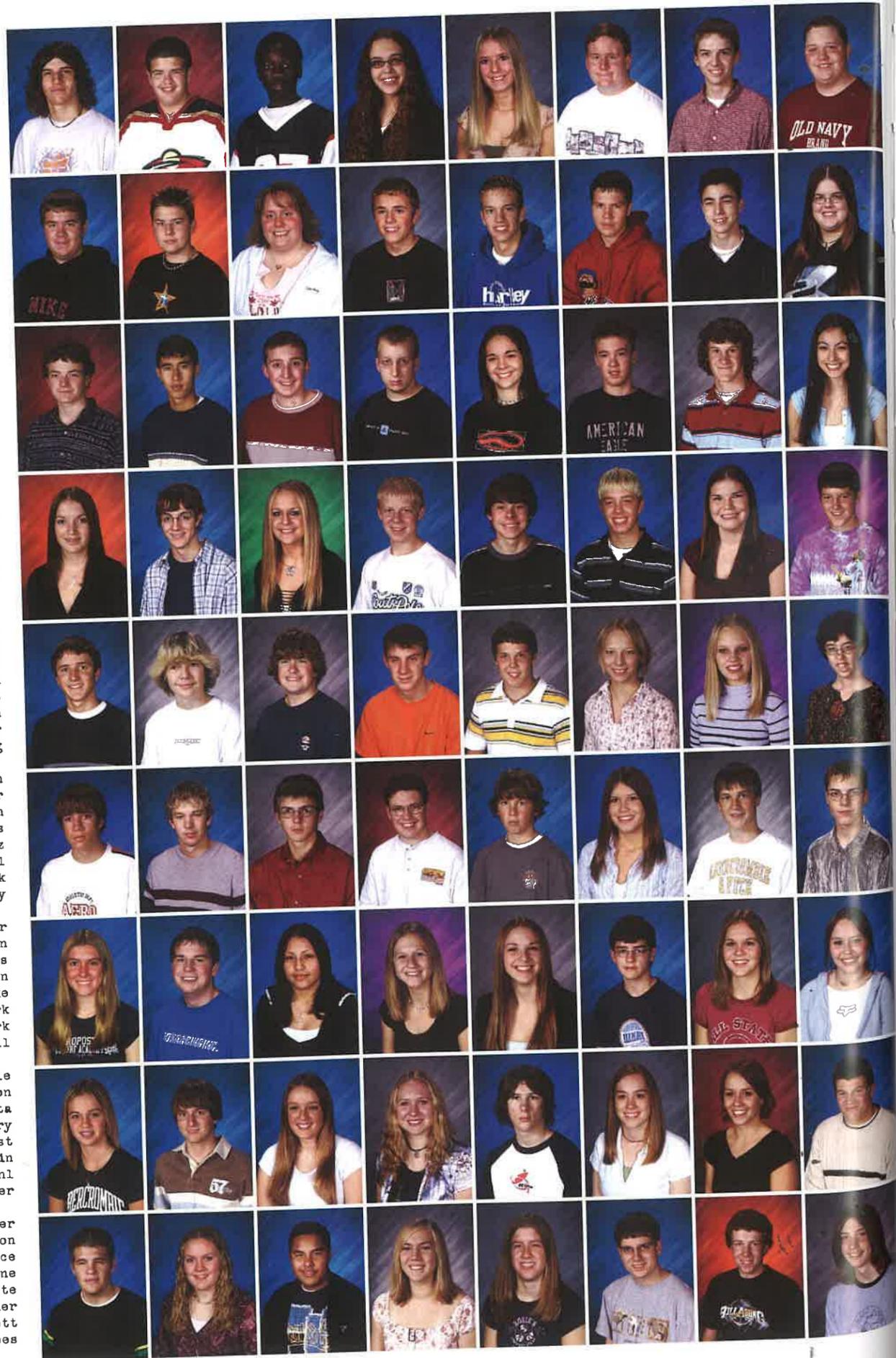
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 Preston Bucholz
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 Steven Burdick
 Jonathan Burley

Katrina Butler
 Derrick Carlson
 Miriam Cervantes
 Megan Christianson
 Rachel Cigalske
 Daniel Clark
 Sarah Clark
 Ashly Cofell

Lacey Cole
 Brett Colliton
 Lindsey Cota
 Natalie Cray
 Matthew Crist
 Laura Cronin
 Whitney Dahl
 Bradley Dauer

Brett Dauer
 Ashley Davidson
 Conrad Demarce
 Ashley Denne
 Nadine Dissette
 Aaron Dobmeier
 Jacob Doggett
 Casey Drees



Tali Dumdal
 Jed Dunham
 Allison Edwards
 Ellis Eid

Lindsey Elless
 Stacey Ellingson
 Joel Engen
 Shane Erdmann

Craig Erickson
 Jessica Erickson
 Timothy Erickson
 Steffen Falde

Aaron Fatland
 Kristy Fillbrandt
 Lacey Finnell
 Sarah Flanagan

Bryan Flaten
 Allyson Fleming
 Morgan Fleming
 Karin Flom

Brenda Francis
 Alyssa Freed
 Nathan Funk
 Jennifer Gallegos

Senneta Gange
 Colin Gatz
 Greg Gentzkow
 Melissa Gienger

Casey Gilbertson
 Jazmin Giles
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Serious Skating

by Jessie Mattern
Staff Writer

They practice for hours at a time. They spend all their money on buying a new board after they break theirs doing a new trick. They have bruises all over their body from falling over and over again. This is just the average life of a skater.

With the addition of a new skate park, skating has become a more and more popular sport in this area.

With kids learning to skate at younger ages, I am guessing skating will really grow as a sport in years to come, sophomore Artie Karvonen said.

Although skating is a very good workout, it is not always good for the body. This is especially true when it comes to falling.

I have been hurt many times from skating and I have broke three different bones just from falling while skating, sophomore Dan Haagenson said.

No matter how good someone is, it is impossible not to fall and get hurt at least sometimes while trying new tricks.

When you fall or can't make the trick, you just have to get back on your feet and try again, sophomore Jeremy Kuhn said.

Although they get hurt, it is all worth it in the end because skating is what they love. Even though I get hurt sometimes, skating just makes me feel better about everything, sophomore Tyrel Thoreson said.

Skating is a very strenuous sport that people in this area should start to take very seriously. It is soon to become a very important sport in the Fargo-Moorhead area.



Which way is up? Doing a wall-ride, sophomore Tyrel Thoreson skates his hardest at a local skatepark this past fall.

Materials Rule

by Desi Beaubair
Layout Editor

There are many things in life that one might say they need in order to survive. Cars, music and televisions are a few of these things. One of the most popular things that students choose as a need is music. Some students listen to country, while others listen to rock, rap or mixed CDs. These songs can be listened to in the car, at home or on personal CD players.

Many people choose to listen to the radio because it has a variety of songs and artists.

I probably can't live without my radio because it has more variety than a CD, sophomore Kayla Wetzstein said.

Some people cannot live without watching a favorite TV show. A lot of students watch reality shows such as Survivor, American Idol, The Bachelor, Fear Factor and Newlyweds. Others watch professional sports.

I love watching baseball on TV every week. I probably watch it more than anything else I watch, sophomore Andrew Benson said.

Yet some people need bigger things in order to survive. One of those needs is a vehicle.

I couldn't live without my Ford pickup that my dad got me. I wouldn't be able to get everywhere I need to go without it, sophomore Chris Harris said.

What do all of these peoples choices have in common? The choices are all material things.



Smile pretty! In between classes sophomores Madison Nicholls and Krista Jones take a little break from their tight schedule to stop and smile for the camera.

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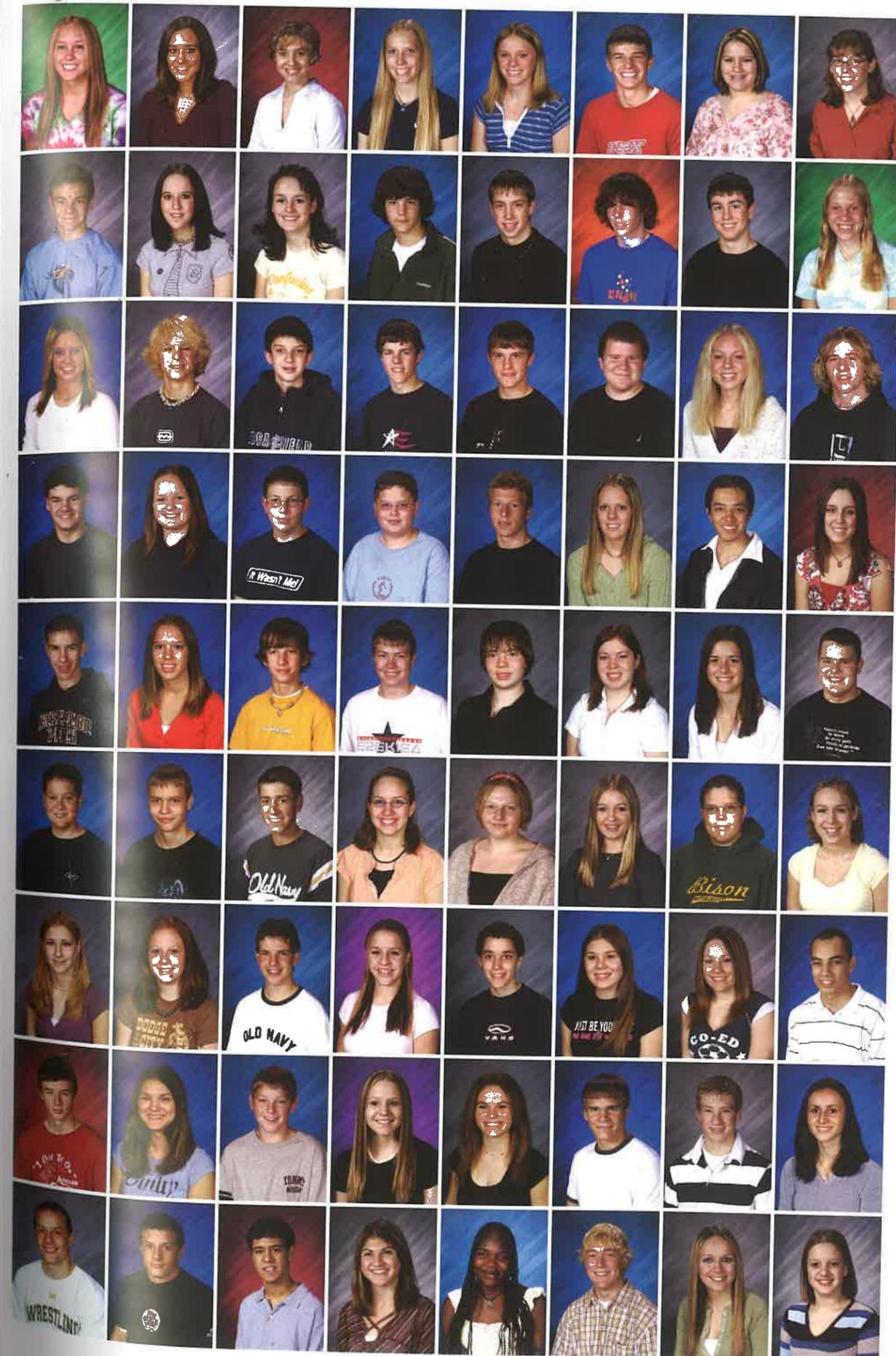
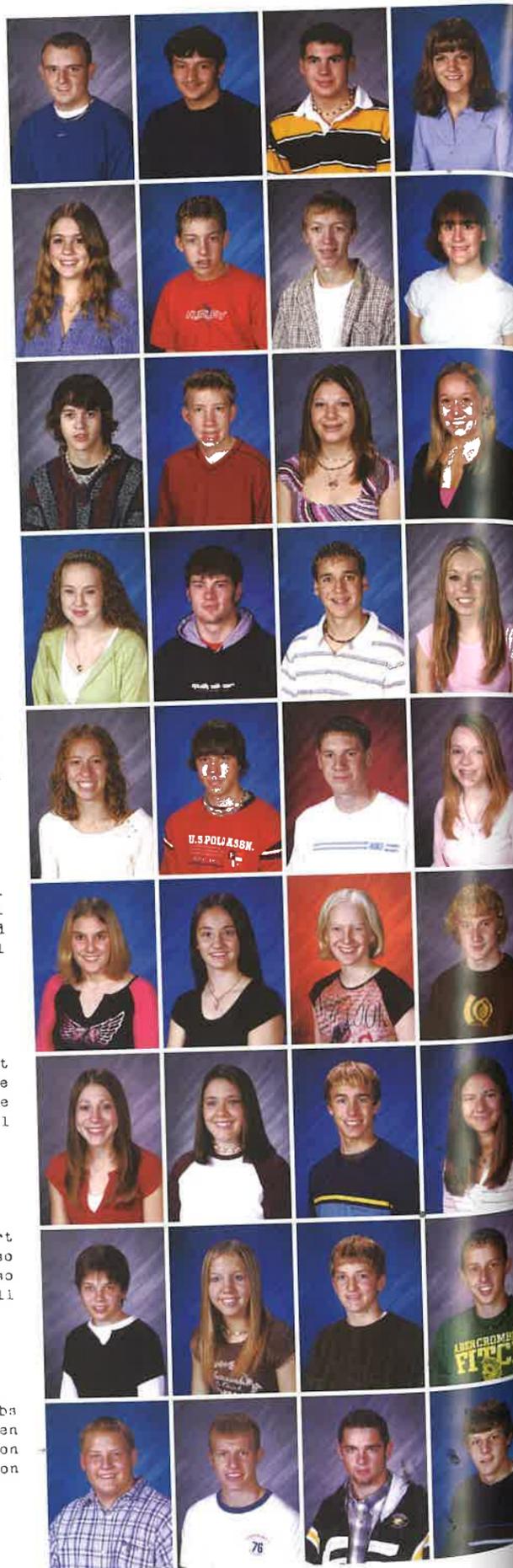
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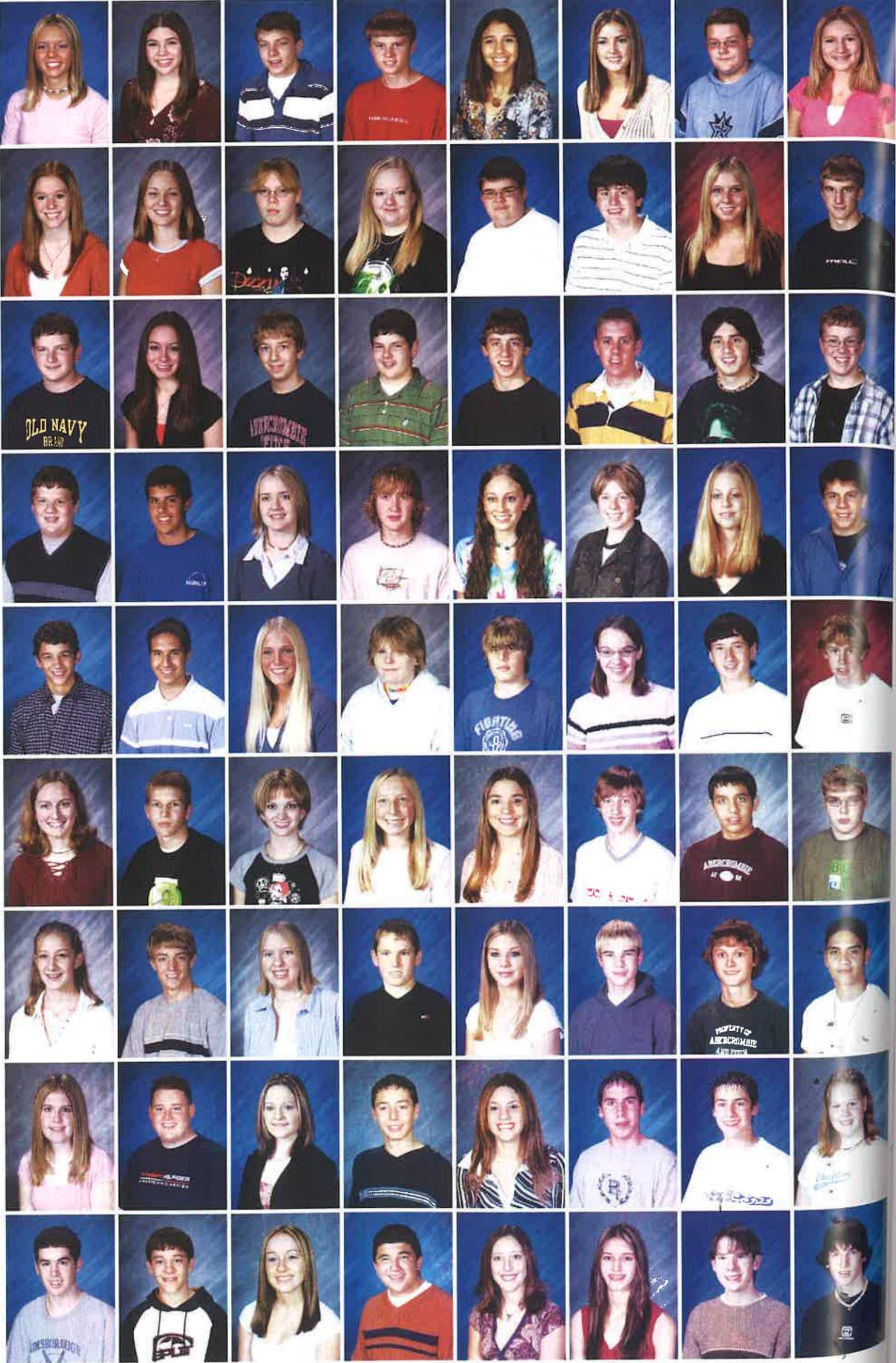
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What Is Frolfing

by Krista Jones
Staff writer

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Everyone knows about the same old sports. Now, there is another one making its way to the top. People hear the word come up in conversations all the time. They either know or wonder what it is—frolfing. The word stands for frisbee golf, and the sport basically explains itself, it is a combination of playing frisbee and golf. There are 18 holes in a game. Instead of getting the ball in the hole with the lowest amount of strokes, players try to get the frisbee in the hoop with the lowest amount of throws. There are only two courses in the area. They are at Oak Grove and Woodlawn. The one at Oak Grove is the best, sophomore Sean Murray said. Frolfing is not a new sport. Students may remember playing it in gym in elementary school. I became interested in it around the end of the school year last year, sophomore Aaron Wentz said. Most people got really into it during this past summer, when the hype began. Many people wonder why frolfing is so popular now. My friends started frolfing, so I did. Its just fun, sophomore Justin Thompson said. This sport will stay an after school activity. Kids will frolf with their friends and have fun. Those who did not know what frolfing was before will know now. Maybe they will go to a course, and see what all the hype is about.



How do I look? While digging through whipped cream for tootsie rolls at the first pep rally, sophomore Alex Becklund hopes it will be over soon.

Good to know. Reading the school newspaper in the library during study hall, sophomore Chris Harris concentrates.

Gym Over Books

by Madison Nicholls

Layout Editor

Students are cramming their way through the tight hallways, back to back making their way to class. Looking around the hallways, there are seniors, juniors and frantic freshmen trying to find their classes. Although that was them a year ago, the sophomore class of 2003-2004 was not worried about the little things anymore.

I knew where all my classes were, so I was not worried, sophomore Kerri Houle said.

With switching health class to physical education, sophomores traded books with basketballs, and there was debate over who wanted to run around or learn facts from a book.

Gym was a lot more fun, besides. I already knew a lot of what was taught in health, sophomore Tyler Lewin said.

Even though there were two upper classes ahead of them, the sophomores were relieved to not be the young guns that did not know where they were going. After being the little freshmen, they were now looked on as a year older and wiser.

Being a freshman, all of the other grades looked down on us. Now that there is another grade under us, people think of us as more mature, sophomore Stacy Verdoorn said.

Now with two years down, the class of 2006 cannot wait to be one of the upper-class men.

Joshua Staska
Scott Stavedahl
Nicholas Stenerson
Robyn Stromberg



Amber Sturre
Dustin Sundem
Wesley Suttle
Blake Swensen



Benjamin Teets
Jenna Thompson
Justin Thompson
Thor Thompson



Tyrel Thorson
Michael Tintes
Brynna Trowbridge
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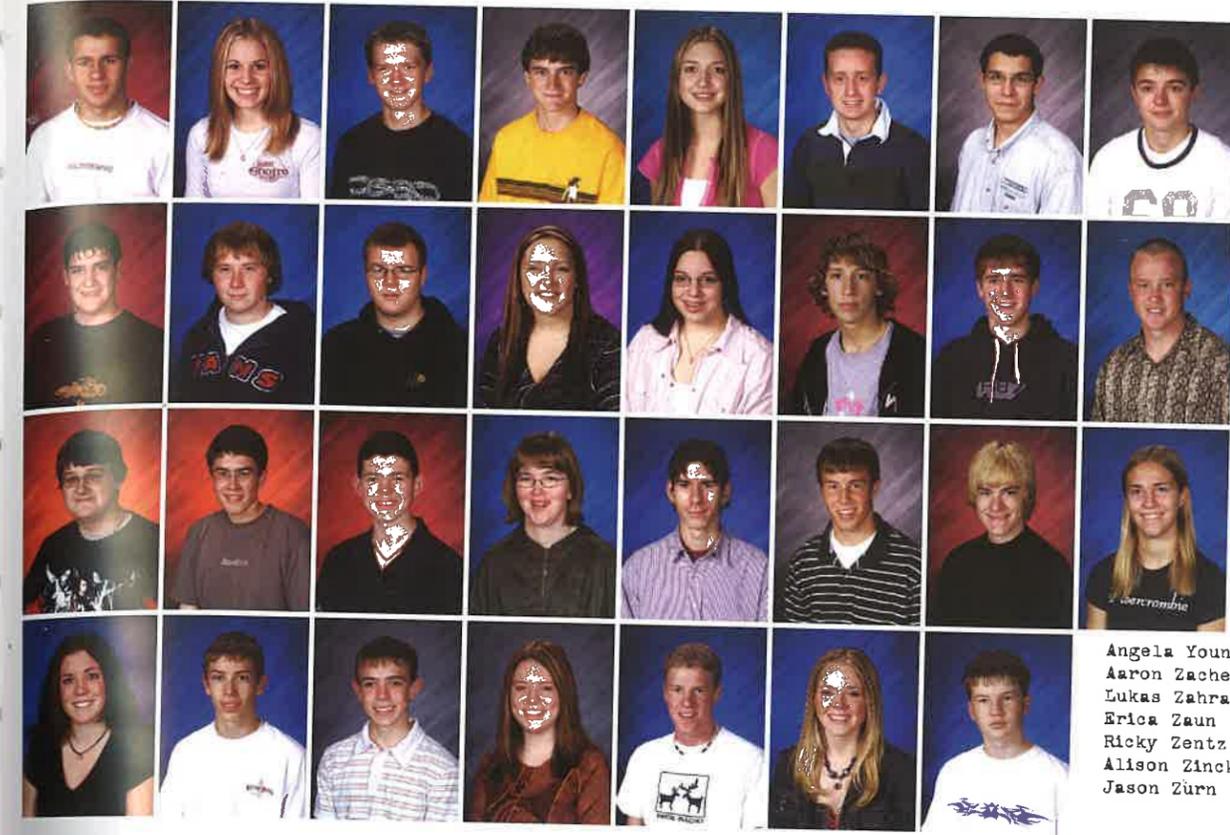


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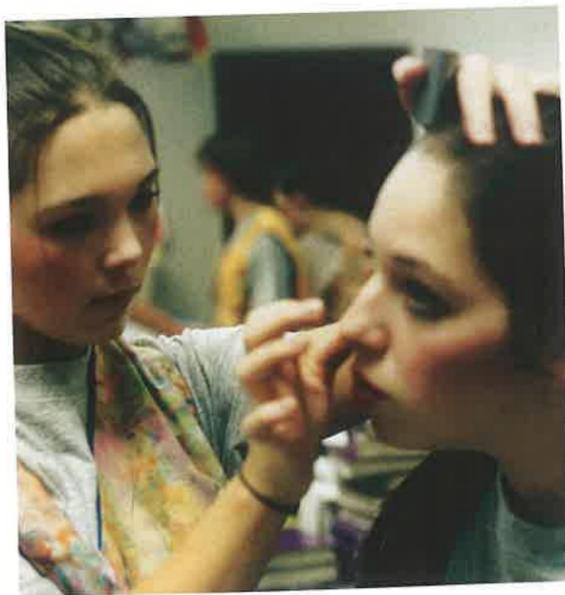


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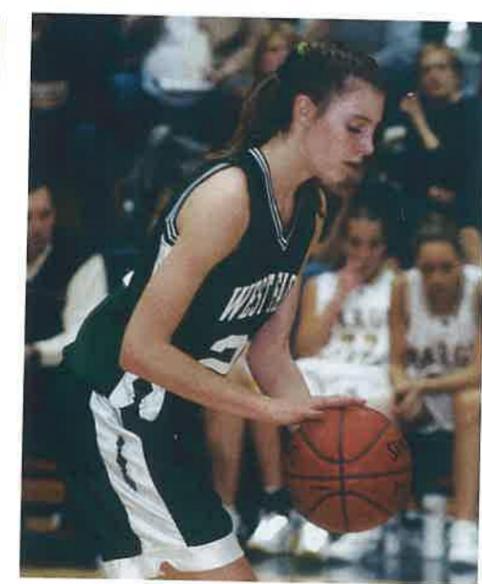
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Angela Young
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Erica Zaun
Ricky Zentz
Alison Zinck
Jason Zurn



Almost done...While getting ready the fall production of School House Rock, sophomores Missy Gienger and Kayla Whitaker put on their make up.



'Tis the season... In the Christmas spirit sophomore Trisha McDonald decorates a tree for student council.

Nothing but net... During a game against Fargo North, sophomore Ali Edwards concentrates on a free throw shot.

Whats the mass on this?... During Chemistry, sophomore Casey Paisley masses out the substance in the crucible.

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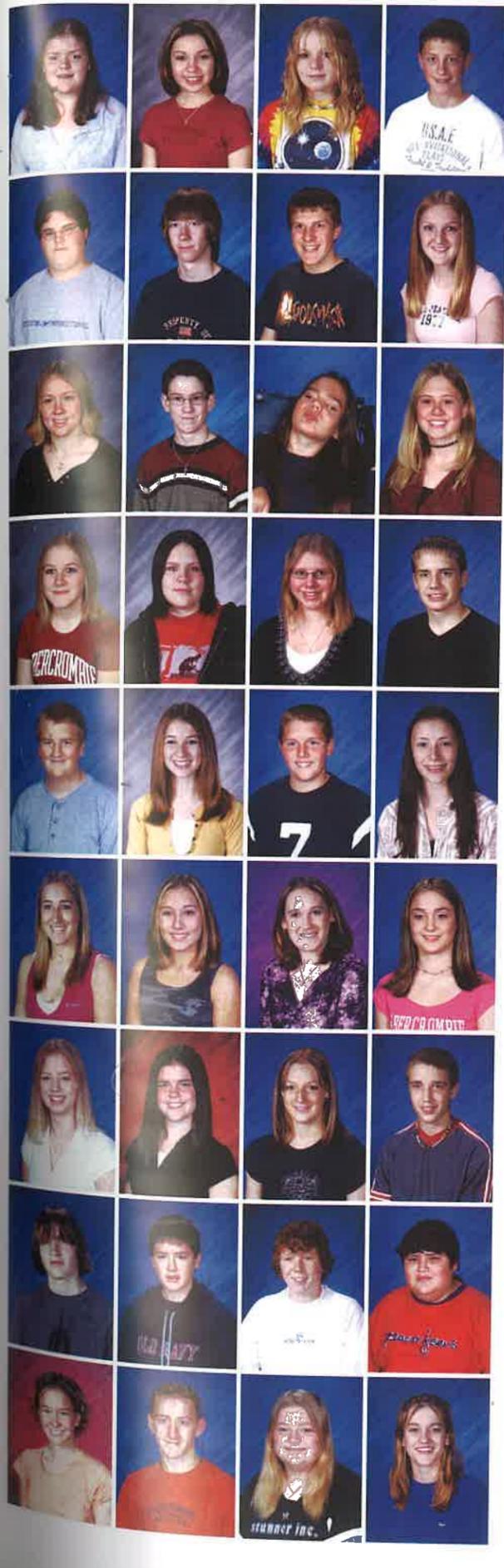
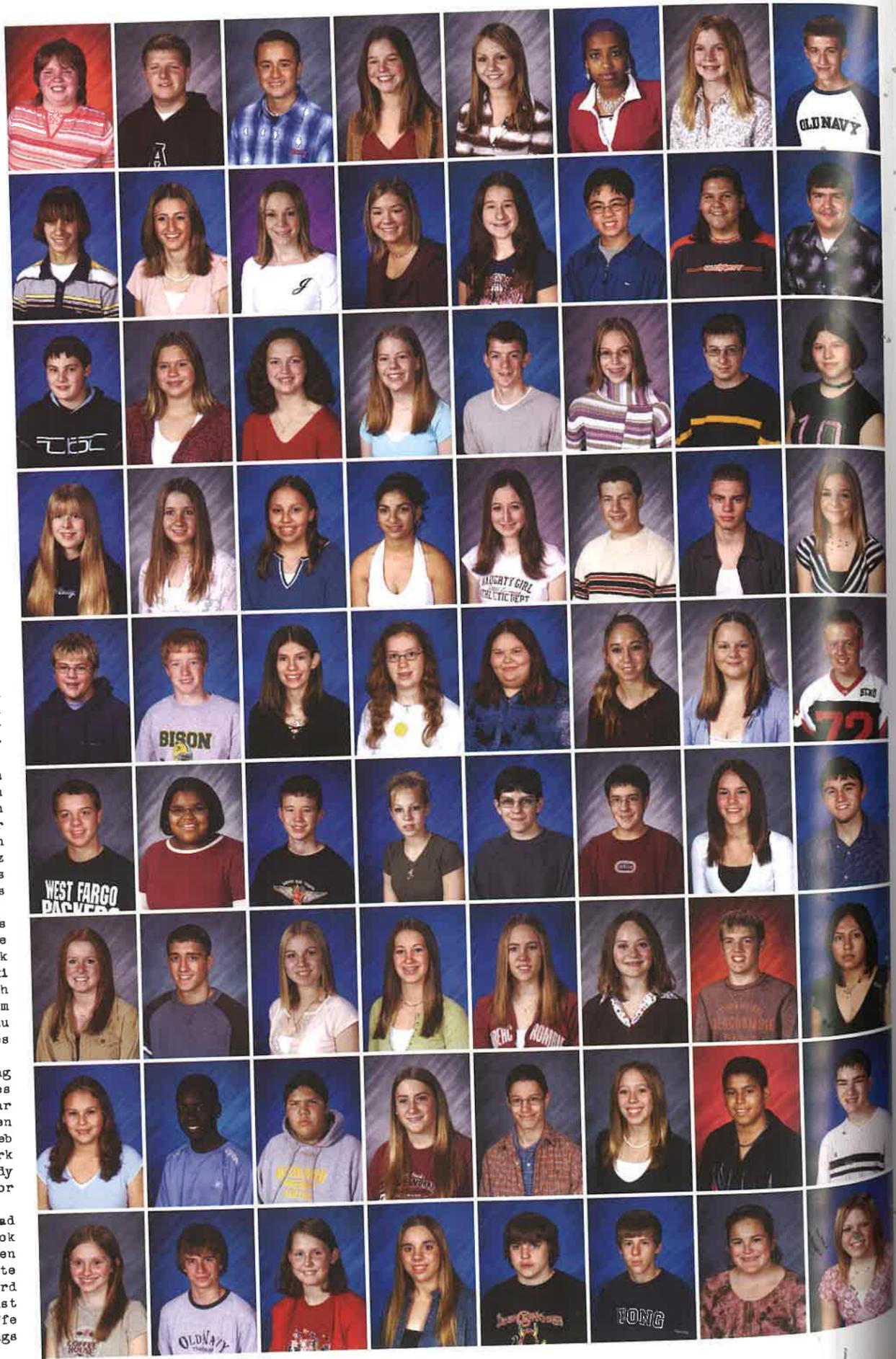
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 Devin Fontaine

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 Cassandra Gabel

Moving On Up

by Marni Benson
 Staff Writer

The freshmen class of 2007 moved on up to bigger and better things this school year, or did they? Moving into the high school had both its ups and downs for the students who were used to the middle school. Freshmen students were no longer the oldest ones in the school.

It is weird transitioning from being the oldest, and then coming to the high school where I feel tiny, freshman Sara Dell said.

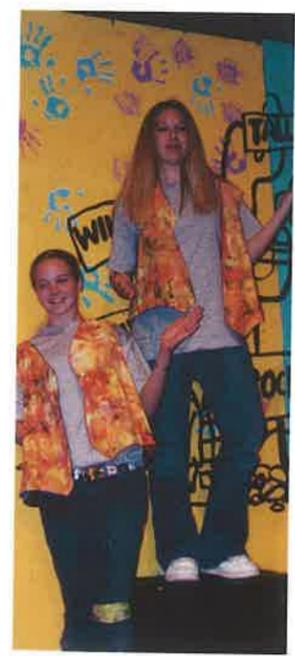
If the freshmen were not aware of the fact that they were the low men on the totem pole, they learned the harsh truth at the first pep rally.

I knew we were not going to be the school favorites, but I never thought we would be booed like we were, freshman Matt Kloos said.

Another change the freshmen faced was not having a gym class. Instead, they were required to take a semester of health class. While some students enjoyed being in health class, many students disapproved of not having a gym class because physical education provides students with a chance to be active during the school day.

I wish I could actually have gym class, instead of sitting in a classroom, freshman Heather Klatt said.

Even with being the small students in a big new school, the freshmen class found it very enjoyable moving on up to bigger and better things. For these students, it is only a matter of years until they will again be the oldest in the school, and each class must take its turn at being the youngest.



Sing it Sister! Jessica Nelson and Ellen Vaagen dancing to a number in School House Rock performed in the Fall.

I hope it fits! During Into to Theatre, Stefanie Dahl sews together a dress for a bear to give for Christmas.

Freshmen Fit In

by Kayla Leiser
Staff Writer

Freshmen had many challenges to face when they came to the high school. Some found it hard to fit in with the right crowd, while others found making a certain sport team challenging.

In the middle school, sports were considered just an activity and something to do for fun. Now, in the high school, sports are more competitive. It has become more important to practice harder and achieve a higher level of playing ability.

The coaches are more strict, so you have to give 110%, freshman Jamie Odden said.

This made it harder for younger students to make the team.

You have to fight for your spot on the team, nothing is for sure, freshman, gymnast Sadie Olson said.

Even though there are some negatives that come with being in such a large school, there are also some positives.

It is a lot more competitive, but you get to meet more people so it is fun, freshman Karlee Bruder said.

It is hard going out for sports teams when the athletes know there is a chance of being cut. Some people cracked from the pressure put on them by parents and coaches. Others decided it was too much work and could not commit to it. In the end, when athletes made it through the tryouts and practices, they found that they had new exciting friendships to look forward to.



Keep up the pace! During the Fargo North invitational Cross Country race, freshman Brandy Bergh tries to concentrate on improving her time and helping her team.

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Chelsie Gilberts

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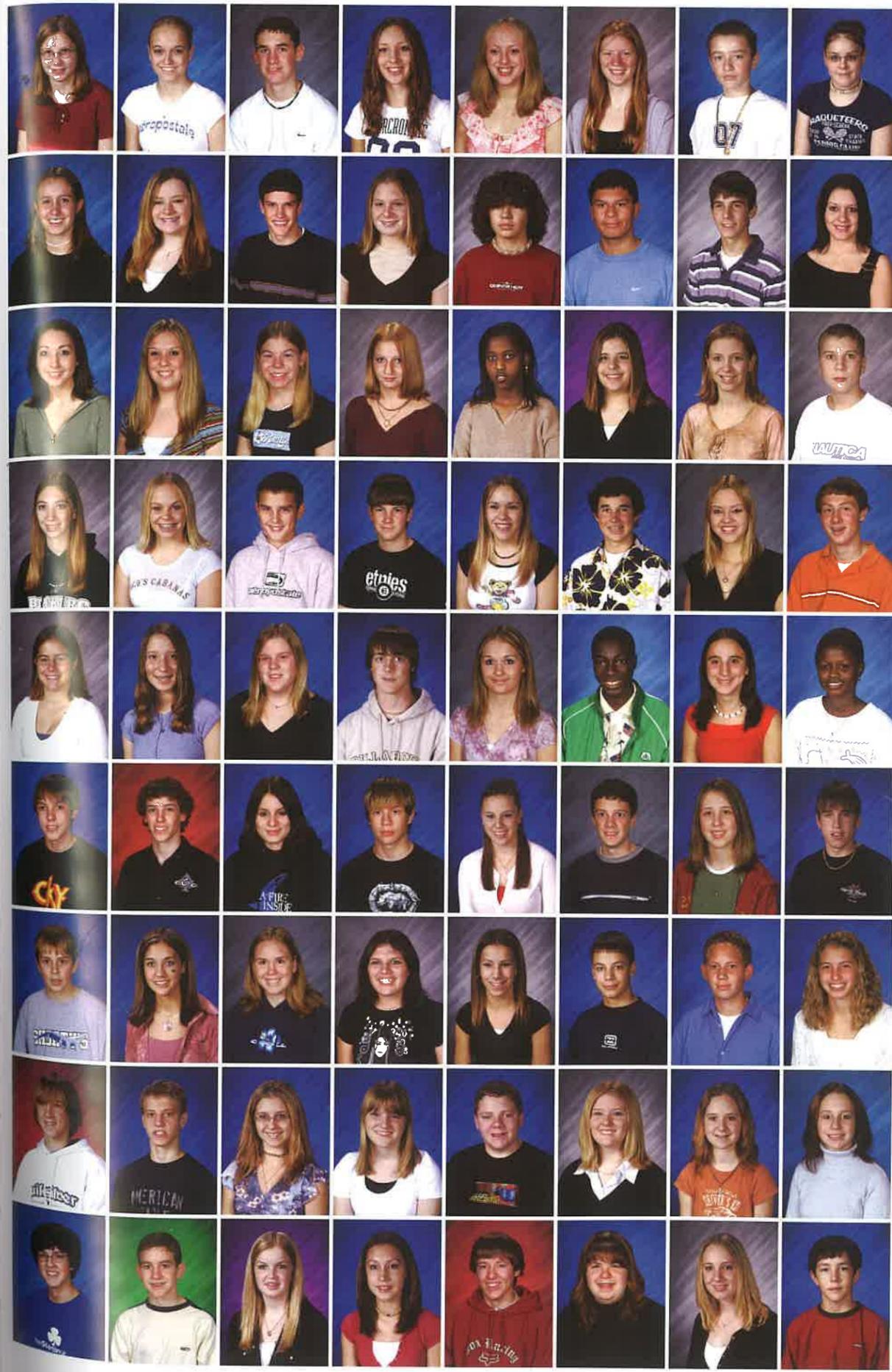
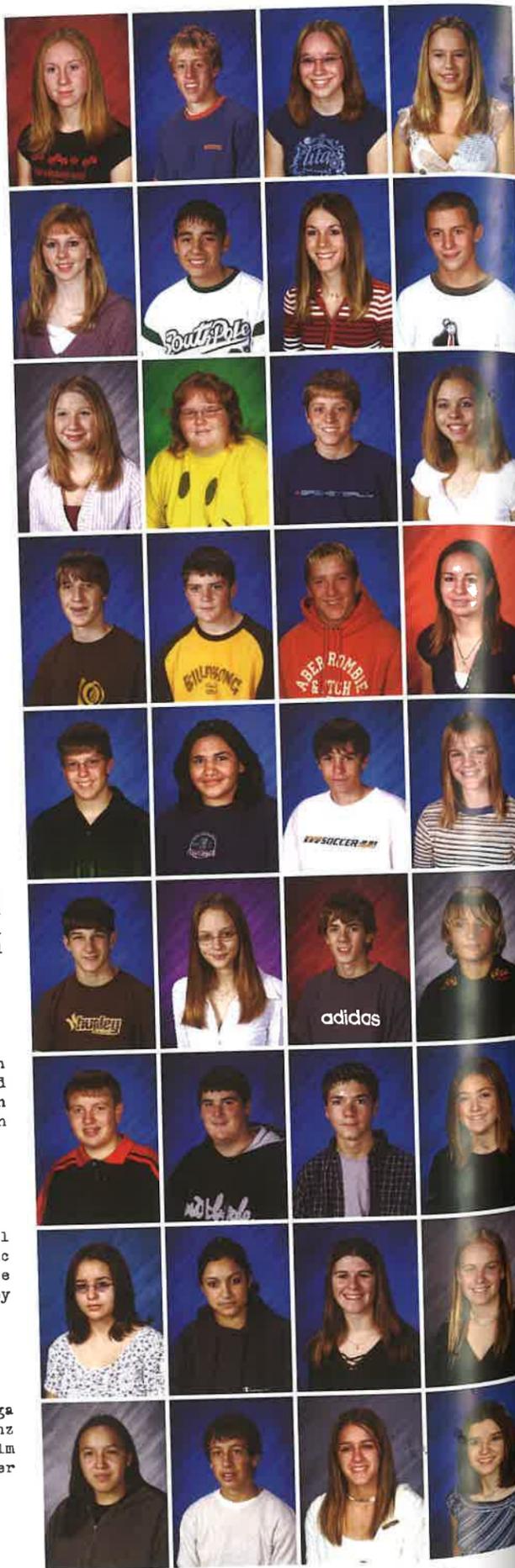
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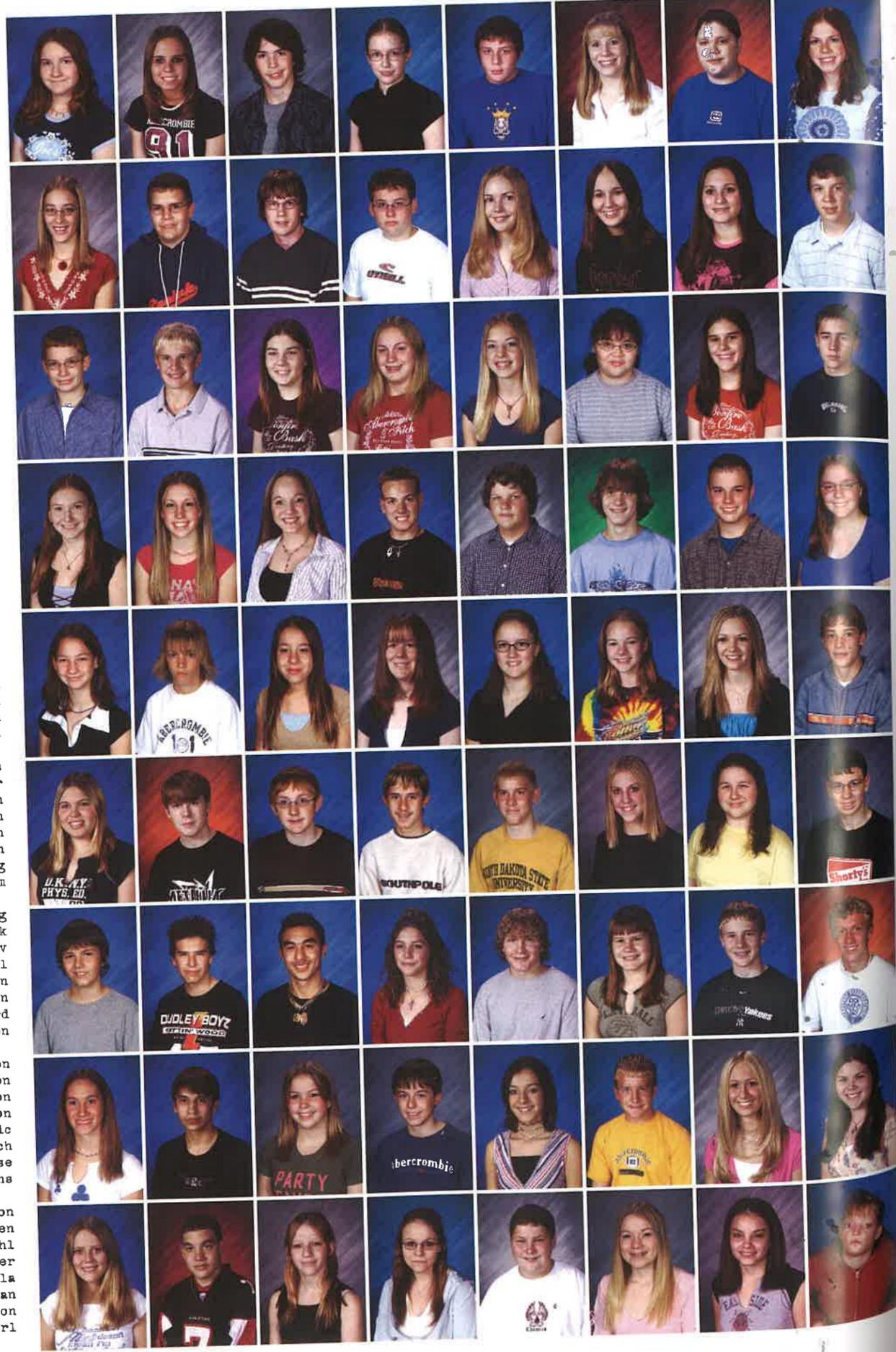
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Feeling Pressure

by Krista Jones
Staff Writer

Intimidation is a word that many people seem to know the meaning of. It is also a word that some freshmen can relate to-intimidation from the upperclassmen.

The freshmen this year have heard stories about what has happened to freshmen in past years, but is it really all that scary for them?

Im not intimidated at all. I think that all the intimidation our class has been worried about is all in our minds, and its up to us to get it out of there, freshman Salena Sue said.

The freshmen's first taste of intimidation was at the first pep rally of the year.

There isnt very much intimidation, except at the pep rallies but it isnt even that bad, freshman Tim Hagel said.

Most sophomores remember everything that happened last year. It was not much different from what is happening to the freshmen now.

Its really not that bad, I think all of us survived our freshmen year. It wasnt very brutal anyways, sophomore Ashly Cofell said.

A good analogy is that the freshmen are at the bottom of the food chain and the seniors are at the top. The years in high school are about getting to the top.

Even though some freshmen could still be intimidated by the upperclassmen, for the most part they think it is something they can handle and survive, and there is nothing to worry about.



So this is how you do it. In the computer lab during English class, student teacher Miss Elizabeth Grenz shows freshman Amanda Kunze how to do the assignment.

Tough Decisions

by Tami Lipp
People Editor

Freshmen are allowed to make their own decisions at the high school. At the middle school most of the choices were made for them. At the high school, the freshmen now have the option of going out to eat for lunch to somewhere like McDonalds.

The only way I can go out to eat is if someone takes me with them because I can't drive yet, freshman Jim Stulaen said.

This is a big change for the freshmen. They are free to make their own decisions. However, some may want to go out for lunch, but are stuck in a rut. They have no car, no license and no one to go out to eat with.

I would like to go out to eat, but I have no license and no car, freshman Jenny Anderson said.

Another problem may be that, even though they have a car and a license, they have no money.

I would go out to eat, but I don't have a job so my parents give me money, freshman Alex Lee said.

Some freshmen, on the other hand, may prefer to stay at school to eat.

Freshmen are faced with some decisions on what they want for lunch. They are not stuck with the same old menu month after month, they have a choice of going out to eat, the only problem is how they are going to get there.

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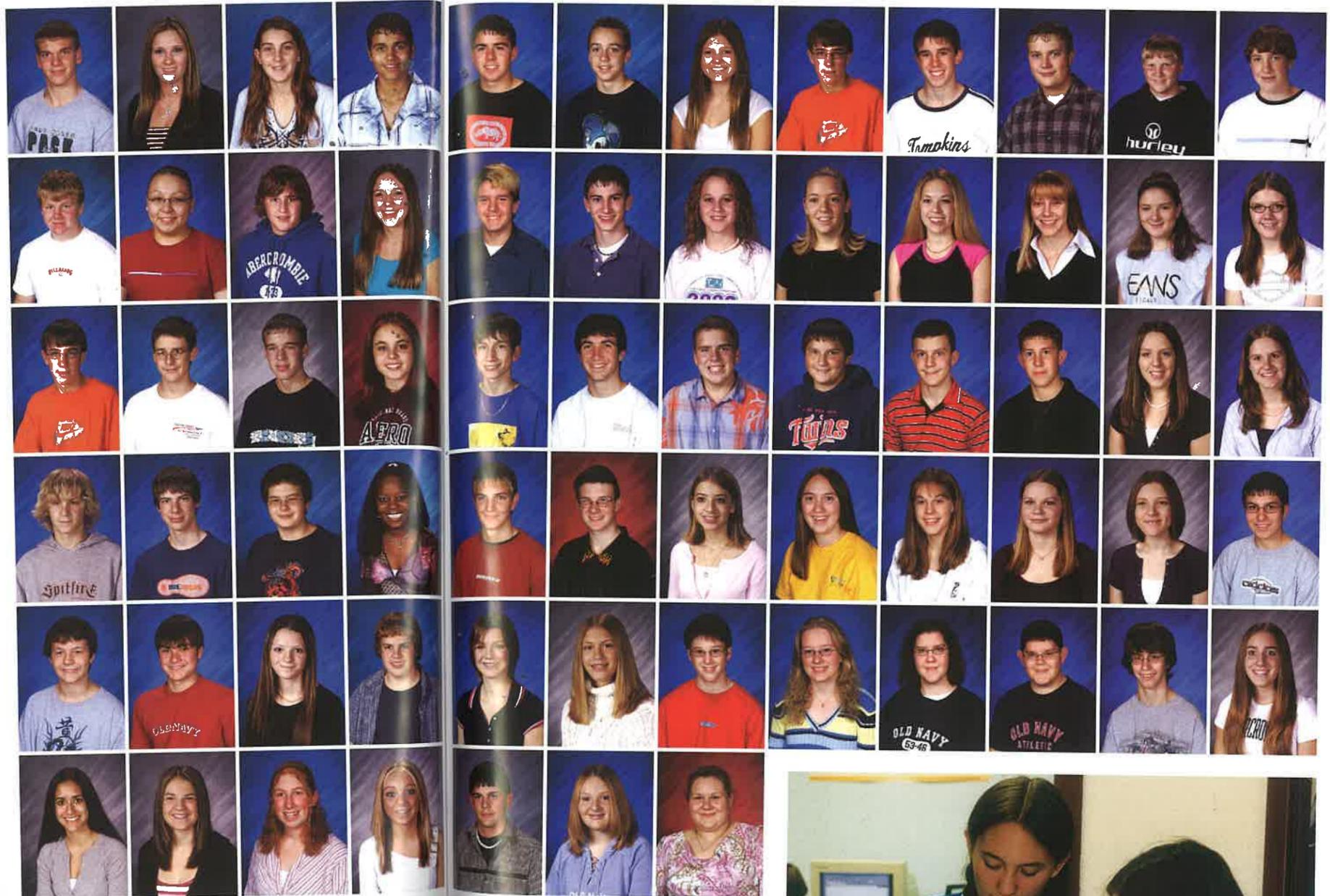
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Samantha Larson
Kathren Lewis
Alexander Meyer
Savannah Miller
Paul Moore

James Moran
Ashles Morrow
Kylie Mund
Cassey Nelson
Jonathan Olson
Joshua Oltman
Kyle Panek
Ashton Ramirez
Trevor Schell
Angell Solberg
Cody Supler
Joyce Wagner
Anthony Wien



Levi Thene
Matthew Thoenke
Allisia Thomas
Jacy Thomas
Nathan Thompson
Tyler Thomson
Brady Thorson
David Tibbals

Dana Tollefson
Chris Urlaub
Jennifer Usgaard
Heather Utke
Ellen Vaagen
Mary-Michael Vance
Michelle Van Hauen
Rachel Vigen

Miodrag Vukomanovic
Miroslav Vukomanovic
Benjamin Walock
Brandon Walters
Jared Walz
Nicholas Walz
Lindsay Wangler
Cassandra Warren

Andrew Watne
Richard Watson
Samantha Watson
Melinda Wendel
Jessica Wendt
Rachel Western
Julia Whittle
Jamie Wiersma

Ashley Wileman
Jessica Wilkens
Joseph Wilson
Samantha Wohler
Jennifer Wolff
Jordan Wolff
Kent Worthington
Ashley Yochim

Codie Zahradka
Jessica Zimmerman
Ashley Zumbaum

No Way!
Freshmen Sam Adcock-Page stretches before Packatahna practice while talking to her teammates about the upcoming performances.

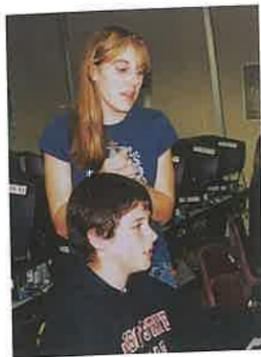
Hurry! While creating a project for a Yearbook contest, freshmen Melinda Wendel and Brianna Ehrenberg try to get their tower completed before the rest of the class.

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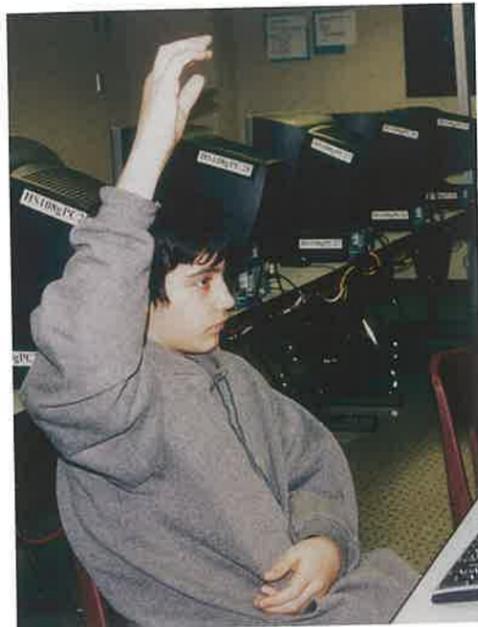
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Hey, thanks! Helping out a fellow classmate, freshman Jessie Wendt talks to Peter Quinn.

Help, please! Patiently waiting, freshman Devon Reyes raises his hand for help.



Staff Influences WFHS Identity

by Kayla Lever
Staff Writer

At West Fargo High, students are prided on their academic abilities. None of that would be possible however, if it were not for the superior staff.

Many classes are offered at the West Fargo High School including three foreign languages, a variety of science courses, and many electives that cover specific interests like fashion, business and accounting. Each area has superb teachers instructing students on the important material. When a student is confused or has questions on a certain subject, a teacher or another member of the West Fargo High School staff is always there to lend a helping hand.



There are also the behind-the-scenes employees that allow the school to run everyday and keep the

atmosphere fun and exciting.

Without the excellent everyday performance of the West Fargo High School staff, the reputation of the Packers would not be possible. The staff contributes to the identity of each and every student. Whether it is the counselors guiding students or the teachers explaining the arithmetic, students leave the high school well educated and ready for the world.

- 1 Does this look right? As yearbook layout editor Madison Nicholls looks on, yearbook adviser Mrs. Meghan Brown explains what else needs to be done.
- 2 I hope this holds. During a fundraiser event held by DECA, Assistant Principal Mr. Greg Grooters gets taped to the wall in the commons.
- 3 You're so cute! After earnin the most money, Mr. Paul Tefft puckers up in front of the student body and his awaiting prize.
- 4 You put your left foot in... During the pep rally, Mrs. Maria Pegg, Ms. Laura Bartsch, Mrs. Melissa Halvorson, Mrs. Connie Eggers, and Mrs. Mary Soehren get down to a mix of oldies and goodies.



A Crowded Situation

by Todd Volk
Assistant Editor

Crowded hallways, traveling teachers, full classrooms, when is it enough? Space is a reoccurring problem the administration knows all too well about. With 1,541 students enrolled in courses at the high school, and 116 teachers and many other staff on hand, from the hallways to the classrooms space is starting to become an issue at the high school.

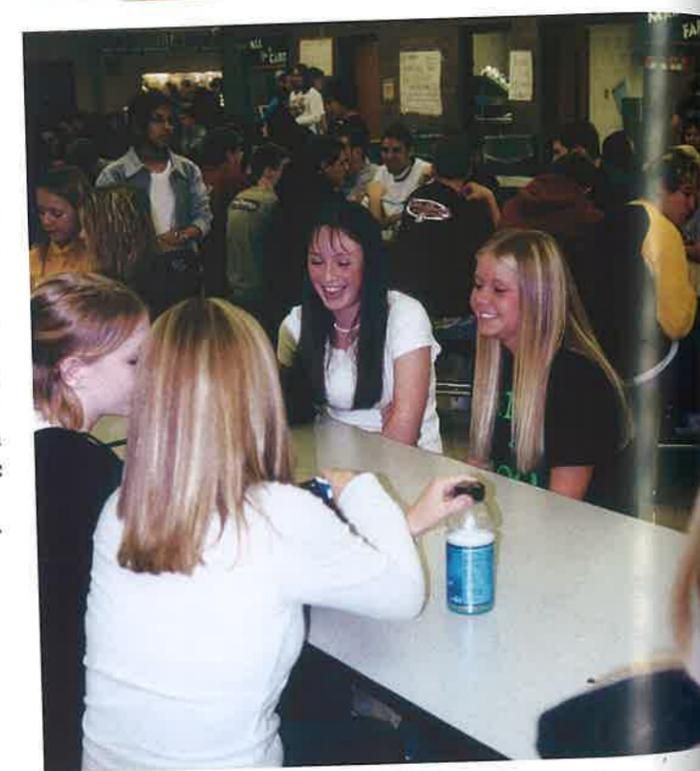
Coming to the high school, from the middle school there was a huge change in the amount of people, the hallways are so crowded, junior Erika Boser said.

With the largest lunch size at over 600 students, finding an open space to sit down can be a complex happening, luckily though some students go out to lunch.

Some classes that should be eating first lunch are being moved to second lunch to even out the difference in numbers, Assistant Principal Karen Olson said.

In the upcoming years, when space starts to become even more of an issue, what kind of creative ideas will the high school have to come up with to accommodate more students? Olson believes accommodations have already been implemented to help the problem.

There are some study halls that meet in the commons all the time because there are no classrooms available, Olson said. With a few years to go before capacity is full, the West Fargo School District has just recently set up an advisory panel to discuss space issues at a bustling, busy school. The administration is well aware of the space issues the school is facing and will face in the future.



I think I left that right there. Digging through paperwork Principal Greg Grooters looks through his paperwork.

Who is that? Looking through school pictures juniors Amy Elledge and Lacey Benson look for prom dates in a crowded lunch room.

Put the tape right there. Fundraising for an event Principal Karen Olson is a good sport.

Janice Best
Judy Boutiette
Gary Clark
Greg Grooters

Curtis Jones
Karen Olson
Gail Tobkin
Tonya Vetter



Connie Eggers
Sarah How
Doris Rheault

Suzanne Stenerson
Cyrisse Wietstock
Sue Zurn

Students Seek Advice

by Kayla Lever
Staff Writer

Most students do not realize how important counseling is in the high school. However, those working in the counseling center help students to express their feelings and plan their future.

We try to help kids with academic concerns, personal issues and try and help them become good citizens, counselor Mr. Bob Elliot said.

Counseling is not only for emotional support, but academic guidance as well. The counselors give students advice on which classes should be taken when looking ahead to future job possibilities.

We begin the process of academic and career counseling when students are in their freshman and sophomore year to encourage alignment of academic progress and decisions that will lead to future goals and aspirations, counselor Lori DeRemer said.

They not only help new students that are coming from the middle school, but students who move from different towns as well.

The counselors helped me adjust to the new environment, sophomore Amanda Hought said. Coming from a smaller school, I didn't know what to expect, but they showed me around and told me what I needed to do to make my experience at the West Fargo High School fun.

Whether it is personal counseling or academic concerns, the counselors are always there. No matter what students always have a place to go for superior guidance.

Smile pretty! While sitting in her office, Mrs. Connie Eggers smiles for the camera.

Anytime now... While working at her desk, Mrs. Lori DeRemer poses.

Strike a pose! After taking a break from work, Mr. Bob Elliot strikes a pose.

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Science Adds Options

by Rachel Luqert
Copy Editor

Science is a subject that is required to graduate, but a student only needs two science credits to meet graduation requirements. Some students decide that they either enjoy the class and take a science their junior and/or senior year, or decide on other classes that will better their career after high school.

I am thinking of having a career in the medical field. Friends also told me it was a fun class to take, Anatomy student Joni Grant said.

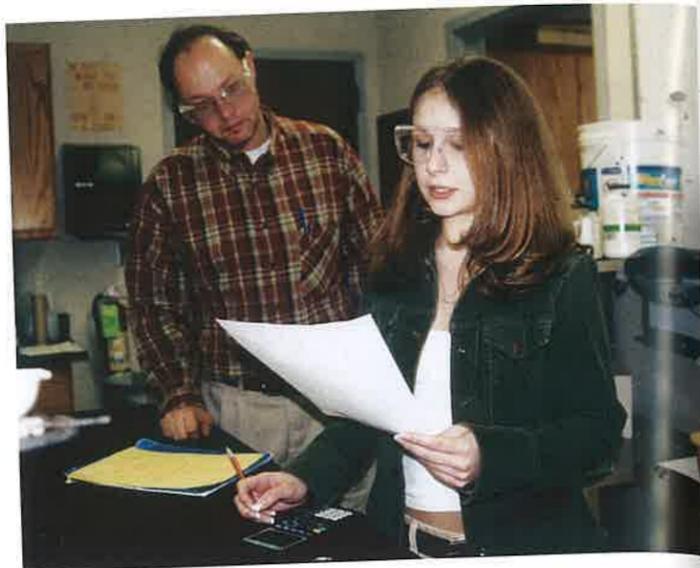
There are new science courses available to the students this year such as Microbiology and Genetics.

The students enjoy the class. On top of it, they learn about different traits that they may have inherited, Genetics student teacher Miss Monica Harty said.

There are many extra science classes a student could be involved in such as Anatomy, Chemistry, Applied Chemistry, AP biology, Physics, Environmental and Human Physiology. Mr. Mike Preston is the Anatomy teacher. Some students wonder why it is important to learn all the parts of the body including the tissues, bones and muscles.

It is important to know about your body, so if you go to the doctor you know what they are talking about, Preston said.

Whether a person likes science or cares more for the math department, it is a requirement to take at least two years, and if a student is interested in which chemicals work well together or counteract to make a big explosion, a chemistry class might be more the students thing.



Am I doing this right? Sophomore Greta Wagendorf asks Mr. Aaron Tank, the Chemistry teacher, if she was doing her work correctly.

Say cheese. Junior Nick Brand takes a moment for a picture with his newest friend.

Draw what you see! While Doing a lab in Anatomy Junior Sarah Schmidt looks at molecules for her project.



Kathy Antonelli
Joan Baltezo
Jerome Bailey
Jerome Christiansen
Sara Forness

Ron Halverson
Matthew Klamon
Michael Preston
Aaron Tank
Pamela Thompson



Algebra I.. Take II

by Megan Wigglesworth
Staff Writer

This past school year, the math department tried something new. The teachers gave a second chance to those students in Pre-Algebra, that failed first semester. The faculty offered a second period block that would revisit first semester in third quarter.

We are creating another option for the kids to be successful and complete their required classes, Algebra teacher Mary Jo McKay said.

The teachers also introduced second semester materials during fourth quarter. Students were given the opportunity to receive full credit within the school year, instead of an incomplete.

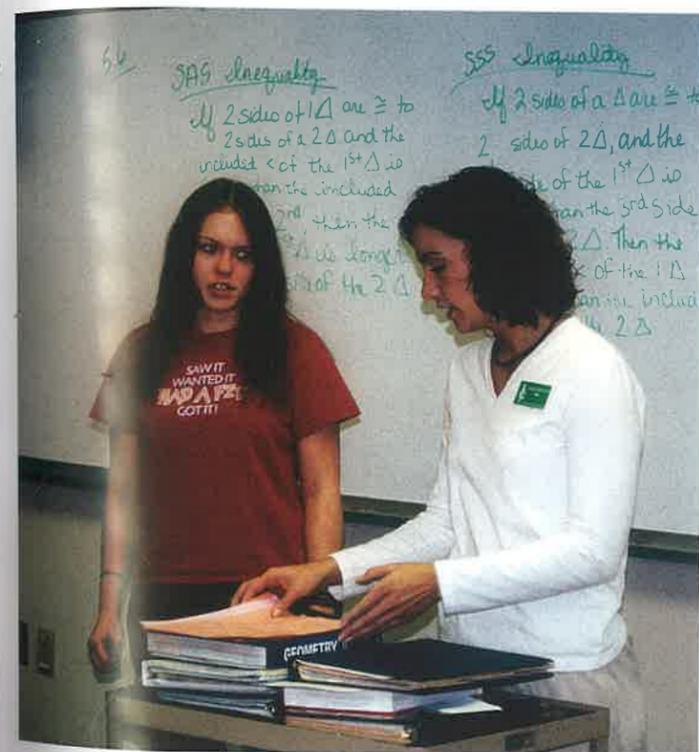
We are trying to help kids that struggle in math by addressing the material right away to keep it fresh in their minds. It will be easier for them to be successful, Principal Gary Clark said.

The students really appreciated what the administration did for the struggling students.

I think it is great that the administration is giving the students a second chance. It is to bad they didn't start it sooner Senior Liz Meyer said.

In the past, those students who failed first semester Pre-Algebra, were kept in the same classes second semester. The faculty found it difficult to place them in another class because the other classes were full. Teachers, parents and students were frustrated and wanted a change.

If the change works for Pre-Algebra students, the administration would like to attempt the change with Algebra I students next year.



Oh, I get it now. During Algebra class, math teacher, Mrs. Mary Jo McKay helps out her students junior Visar Luzha and freshman Brody Ludwig with their homework.

I found it! During Geometry class, teacher Miss Laura Bartsch, stops to help her student, sophomore Tiffany Severson, find her homework.



Laura Bartsch
Donald Burnham
Lori DeRemer
James Dew
Claudia Engelstad

Melissa Halvorson
Randy Holzkamm
Duane Lura
Mary Jo McKay
Tom Whaley

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Creative Thinking

by Maham Fayyaz
Staff Writer

Imagination is like a magic carpet, it can take you anywhere. Students in classes of Fine Arts have put their imagination to the test in art and music classes. Fine Arts include classes such as Choir, Orchestra, Art and Ceramics. Fine Arts classes are a fun experience for the students to take. Taking the classes develop higher creativity skills for all students and lets students use their imagination in what they do. Best of all, the classes are fun and enjoyable for the students as well as the teachers.

Art is fun because it gives you a chance to show your creative side and you get to use your imagination, junior Bridgette Myers said.

Aside from the students, teachers also enjoy teaching it. Teaching music has to be one of the greatest jobs. Being able to express emotions and thoughts through music is wonderful, Varsity Band and Choir instructor Mrs. Susan Jordahl said.

Even though many students take these classes because they are fun, others take them for the academic opportunities. Orchestra is a great class for those who plan on pursuing a career in music. The class teaches you discipline and creativity, senior Cody Symanietz said.

The classes of Fine Arts are not only about having a good time, but are also quite beneficial for the students.

It teaches students how to visually communicate their concepts, Art teacher Mrs. Brenda Luthi said. Imagination is a key element in doing well in Fine Arts.

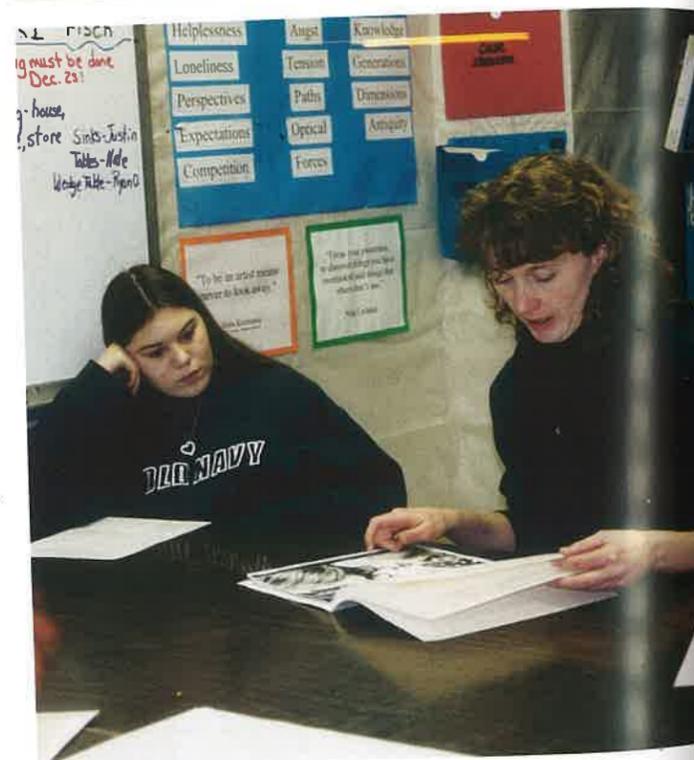
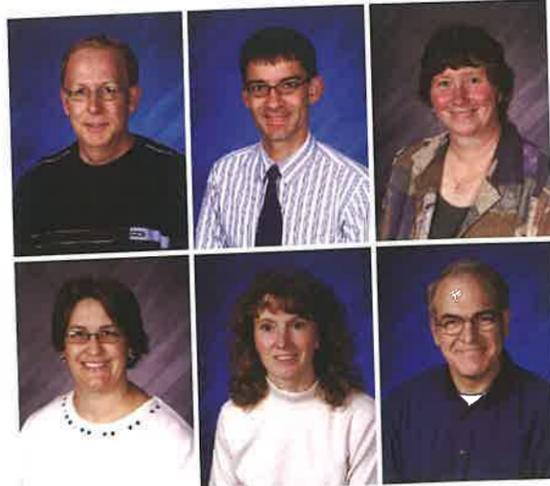
This looks much better. While making a project for Ceramics class, sophomore Kristy Fillbrandt gets some feedback from ceramics teacher, Mr. Larry Anderson.

How's this for a design? During art class, art teacher Mrs. Brenda Luthi helps sophomore Miranda Liebenow pick a design for the next art project.

Do we sound good or what? Practicing with his band class, Mr. Mark Berntson prepares for an upcoming band concert.

Larry Anderson
Mark Berntson
Susan Jordahl

Heather Klundt
Brenda Luthi
Jeffery Mueller



Lessons in Real Life

by Rachel Luqent
Copy Editor

Family and Consumer Science (FACS) classes are courses students can take for an elective. These classes deal with learning how to take care of a baby, eating healthy and exercising, and include Child Development, Fashion and Clothing, Independent Living, Child Care Services, Food and Fitness, Discovering Foods, Family Living, Foods for Today and Interior Decorating and Design.

I have taken these classes throughout high school. They taught me a lot of things that I needed to know, such as cooking and taking care of myself on my own, senior Megan Greene said.

There are many male students that sign up for these classes. About half of my Discovering Foods classes are males, teacher Mrs. Linda Dahl said.

Not only are these classes important but also fun and exciting to take. In Independent Living, the students take field trips and play games. The Real Game is where the students have the responsibility of picking a career and keeping track of their earnings while having to pay bills. The game is meant to simulate life, so the students understand what it is like, teacher Mrs. Michele Redington said.

Family Living tried something new this year. It was called Helping Hands Day. This activity helped to show that Family and Consumer Science classes are a great way to give young adults a taste of what the real world is like. They are all important skills to know and are even fun to take part in.

Clean Clean Clean! While freshmen Kara Schroeder washes her hands and dishes after making cookies for her Discovering Foods class.

This looks nice. While decorating freshman Maegan Dahl makes the Christmas tree for hats and mittens look great.

Follow the leader. While leading the little trick-or-treaters to where they are suppose to go junior Lacey Benson takes charge.



Mary Anderson
Linda Dahl

Michele Redington
Kathryn Stangeland

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Moments in History

by Megan Wigglesworth
Staff Writer

Students of West Fargo High School are required to take four years of Social Studies in order to graduate. World Geography, World History, US History and Government keep the students busy and fulfill all Social Studies requirements.

History is beneficial to students, and that is why they are required, history teacher Mr. Darrin Boehm said.

Social Studies is not as bad as it seems. Students enjoy learning about current news events and today's government, along with past civilizations like the mighty Roman Empire and the Egyptian Empire.

Government is interesting because we get to discuss current news, and it helps us to understand what is going on in the world, senior Tiffany Goldstone said.

Students not only enjoy learning about history, but the students like seeing a new face.

Mr. Thomas Rakoczy is new to West Fargo and to the history department. Rakoczy teaches World Geography and World History.

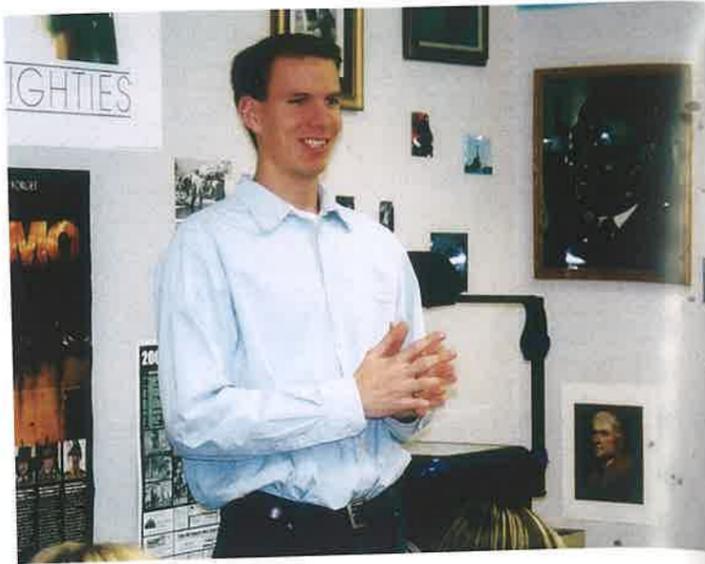
Rakoczy enjoys being a teacher at the school. I like it here. I like the student dialog aspect of my job, Rakoczy said. He came from Madison Elementary where he was a librarian. Hopefully he keeps enjoying his job here in the history department at West Fargo High School.

Society changes every day, but history lasts forever. The students of West Fargo High School hope to get through all their history classes and eventually make a mark in Packer History as well.

Welcome to the educational system as we know of it today! History teacher, Mr. Daniel Holder, lectures his students about the how interesting the economy of America really is.

Look at this! History teacher, Mr. Darin McKinnon, points out an interesting fact to student, junior Kirk Jensen, during class.

Aww this is cool! Mr. Greg Limke gets excited while looking at something on the computer.



Daniel Holder
Greg Limke
Barbara Metcalf



Making Safer Streets

by Jessie Mattern
Staff Writer

Listening to guest speakers, learning material from the book, driving the simulators and having group discussions are all different ways the students learn how to become better drivers.

Some students go into Drivers Education thinking it will be easy, but learn different once they get into the class.

Drivers education is a very intense class, there is a lot of material thrown at them all at once, Drivers Education teacher Mr. Fred Dahnke said.

The class has tests very often, and sometimes the amount of material learned can get become overwhelming.

We learn a lot and some of the tests can get very difficult, while others are more like common knowledge, freshman Kylie Mitchell said.

The simulators are a good method of teaching the students what driving will be like in everyday situations. Most kids come into the class without a very good idea of what to do when they get in the drivers seat of a car, Dahnke said. The simulators are not exactly the same as driving in real life.

The simulators are fun and I learn a lot from them, but at the same time they are not very realistic to what it would really be like to drive, freshman Megan Byzewski said.

According to Dahnke, 50 percent of all drivers will get in an accident their first year of driving. Drivers Education is a good way to try to lower this percent and make the road a safer place to drive on.

What a beast! Examining the new H3 Hummer Mr. Fred Dahnke, sophomores John Burley and Jeff Boer, and freshman Brandon Crawford look at the new model during a drivers education class.

What is this? Checking out the inside of the vehicle, freshmen Megan Byzewski and Candice Mogard sit in the Hummer and realize driving might be a little more complicated it looks.

So how does this work? Admiring the engine freshman Tylor Thomson and Cole Horsager check out the engine on the Hummer.



Fred Dahnke
Jay Gibson

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Using Technology

by Jerod Heitkamp
Staff Writer

Would you like fries with that? That is not one of the most popular phrases that young adults, graduating high school, want to be using. That is why West Fargo High School provides business classes such as Accounting, Desktop Publishing and Exploring Business Computers. Students learn information that could help them in business careers across the country. Some business classes are also very fun.

General Business is a pretty easy class and Mr. Gad makes it fun, sophomore Ben Wolden said.

Students in business classes learn many things in different areas of business anywhere from Keyboarding to Telecommunications. They learn what to do in certain financial situations, learn accounting techniques and also work with modern software such as Microsoft. In Business Computer Applications students learn how to work with Microsoft programs. Students use these skills throughout their high school career.

I use a lot from what I learned in my BCA II class on a daily basis, junior Brady Edwards said.

There are many classes available to students that are interested in pursuing a career in business. One thing that makes these courses different from others is that the curriculum changes from year to year.

We try to keep up with the business world and teach toward that, business teacher Mr. Rick Anderson said.

To avoid ending up with a possible career delivering pizzas, students might want to look into some of the business classes available at West Fargo High School.

What is he looking at? Enjoying himself, Mr. Jay Gibson teaches his students the finer points of Keyboarding.

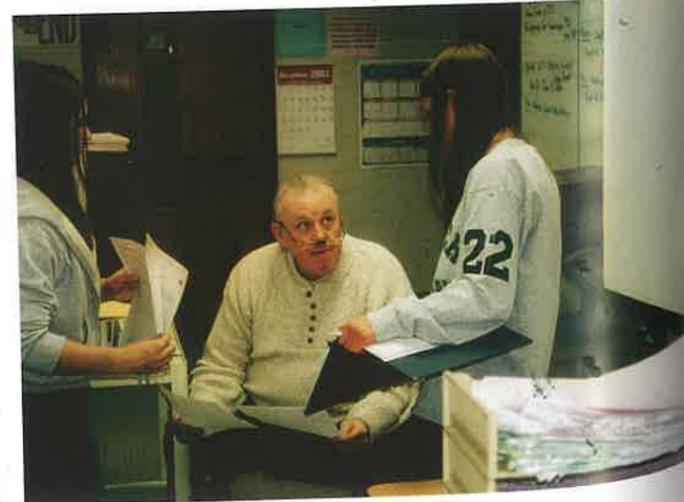
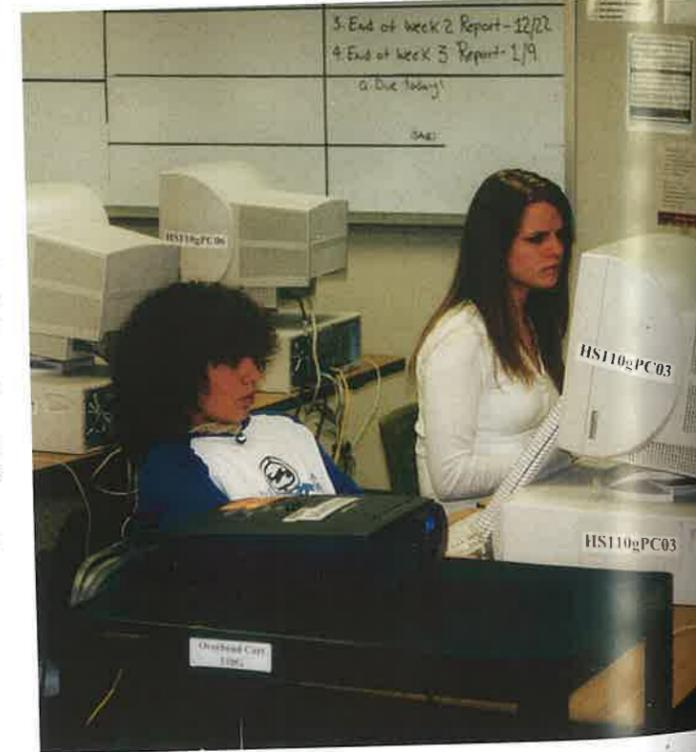
I love this class! In their BCA II class, freshman Seth Houkom and sophomore Briana Urton are very excited to be doing their project.

Did I do it right? During BCA II sophomore Amanda Hought and freshman Amanda McDonald ask Mr. Chuck Gad for help.

Cheryl Baumgarten
Charles Gad



Jay Gibson



Vo. Ed Learns Skills

by Makell Hehr
Staff Writer

The atmosphere of the classroom is very chaotic. Students are hard at work building things, taking things apart, selling things, and working on computers. There are many classes that fall under the category of Vocational Education. These classes include Building Trades, Recreational Engines, Manufacturing Woods, Marketing Construction and many computer courses.

All these classes will teach students important lessons and values that they will be able to use further down the road.

Building trades is a fun class to be in, and you learn a lot, junior Andy Sahlberg said.

All classes except for Building Trades and Recreational Engines are an hour long. The other two classes take two periods of the day.

The longer period of time that students get to work on their houses, the more they learn and get done, teacher Mr. Robert Bjornson said.

Building Trades teaches students how to work together to get big projects done. In this class, they build two houses. Recreational Engines gives students the opportunity to build an engine and assemble it into a car.

Students learn a lifelong skill, and it prepares them to go into this industry, teacher Mr. Jerry Nordstrom said.

Taking courses like these could be very beneficial in the future. It is a great learning experience, and students are sure to enjoy all the aspects of these classes.

Working with the table saw! During Building Trades junior Jason Muller is concentrating on his tasks for the day.

Working Together! Using their car knowledge, senior Ross Romdahlvik and junior Kyle Schlicht participate in their Recreational Engines class.

I will show you! Recreational Engines teacher Mr. Jerry Nordstrom shows his class how to use a tool.



Robert Bjornson
Jerome Heinz



Jerry Nordstrom

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Getting Physical

by *Karrie Burdick*
Staff Editor

Running around, playing many different sports and working on building muscle are some of the many different experiences of Physical Education. Sophomores, juniors and seniors are all in Physical Education classes. Juniors and seniors get a choice of picking what to participate in. The sophomores have certain sports and games that are required. Although gym is fun and is a period to talk with friends, it also releases tension and gives students a break from learning. Physical Education helps release tension that students build up in other classes and get away from the books. Non-athletic students learn a lot of different sports and get some exercise, teacher Mr. Doyle Plecity said.

There are a variety of choices such as volleyball, golf, tennis, football, soccer, basketball and badminton. With four teachers in each period, there are tons of students running around exercising while having fun at the same time. It is a good way to stay in shape when you are not in a sport, senior Chelsy Klava said.

Luckily, throughout the day, students get out of desks and get a little exercise during school. In gym, students let go of some of the energy that was bottled up inside. Also, it is a good time to see your friends, talk and, of course, have fun. It is an hour away from sitting in a school desk, senior Ashley Disher said.

Therefore, Physical Education is always fun and exciting for many of the students. Letting loose, meeting new people and talking to friends are some of the many occurrences of every day gym.

Strike! Junior Ashley Ottesen practicing her bowling technique rolls a perfect strike.

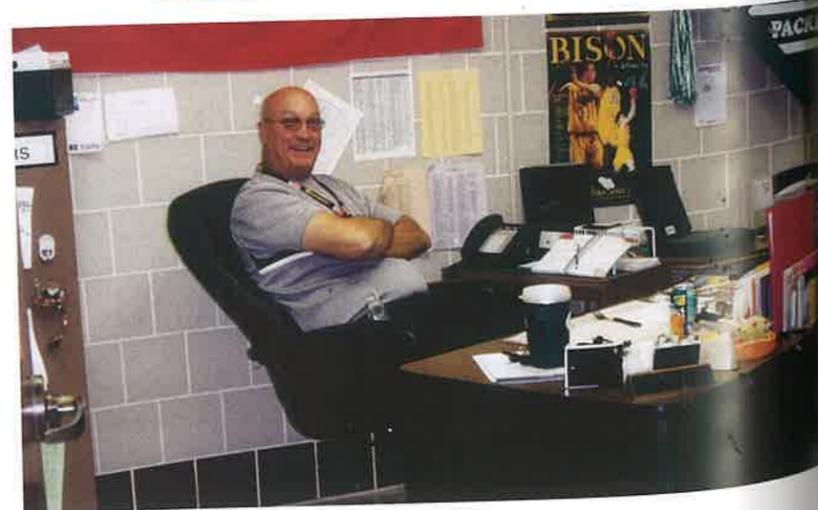
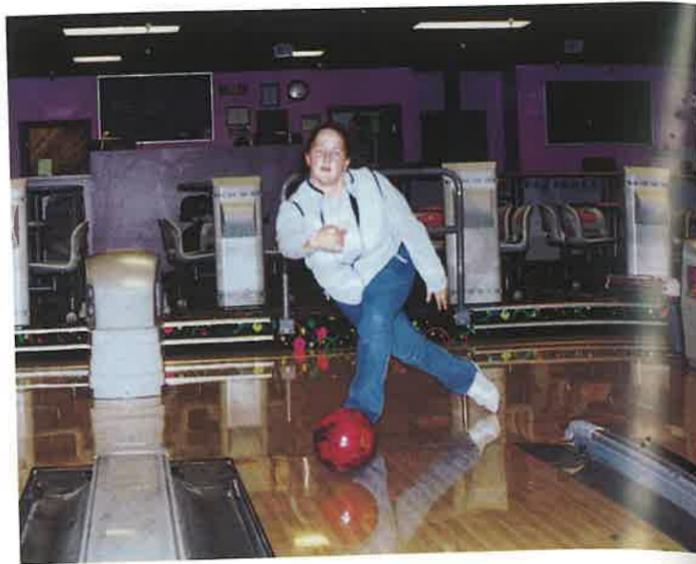
Bang! While playing pickle ball junior Jonathan Kuik hits the wiffle ball to his opponets in phy ed class.

Ahh a break! Teacher Mr. Doyle Plecity takes a long deserved break from grading midterms.

Raquel Kilen-Ibach
Nathan Knudsen



Doyle Plecity
Debra Uetz



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Behind the Scenes

by *Jen Grund*
Staff Writer

Students at West Fargo High School know what the custodians and cooks do, but do students really appreciate their hard work and dedication? Custodians are the first people to enter the building and the last to leave and the cooks work hard everyday to prepare meals. Most students do not know this and probably would have more respect for them if they did know about their hard work.

I believe that the janitors and cooks work hard and arent appreciated that much, but it is their job and many jobs dont get appreciated, senior Jen Triebold said.

Many jobs are under appreciated, but the janitors and cooks do not get the credit they deserve. However they still enjoy their jobs.

I like my job because I get to work in a fun atmosphere, and I like my co-workers. We have fun, Custodian Gaye Deutsch said.

Most of the custodians and cooks agree that they do not have the easiest job and that during the lunchtime it is not always fun cleaning up the messes from the students.

The worst part about my job would have to be during lunch because it can get really gross, but I am not complaining, Custodian Russel Novachek said.

Students sometimes do not respect the custodians and cooks when they are very messy during their lunch and study halls, but they keep working hard and try to enjoy their job.

Doing a great job! Custodian Gaye Deutsch takes a breath in between her daily tasks.

Don't lose these! Custodian Mike Heintzelman lends his keys to senior Dacia Sampers.

What do I need to do now? Russell Novachek answers another call for him to fix another chair.

It comes to... Food specialist Cy Metcalf and Wanda Wilson get the change for the students.



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Benefiting Students

by Makell Hehr

Staff Writer

The librarians and the computer technicians of West Fargo High are always keeping busy. The librarians may be rearranging books, photocopying things or checking books out. Both groups are always trying to help the students. They are always trying to find new ways to improve the technologies at the school. This year some of the improvements in the library included new reading posters, new magazines and, of course, new books. The library has also added new periodicals due to a survey that the students were given. The survey let the students choose which magazines they would most like to see in the library. The improvements the library has made will be greatly beneficial to students attending and those to attend WFHS because more resources and knowledge will be available to them, senior Cody Symanietz said.

The computer technicians have been hard at work converting the schools network over to a new format. The switch will change Novel to Microsoft. With this new format, all of the computers will now have Windows XP.

XP is supposed to be the fastest and most up to date system, librarian Mrs. Rhonda Harmon said.

This will be more compatible with things at home and at work. We are trying to make school programs and outside of school programs closer, District Network Technician Mrs. Peggy Spitzer said. All of the new advancements this year can only better the education system for students. Students at WFHS should feel privileged to go to a school with such great technology, librarians and technicians.

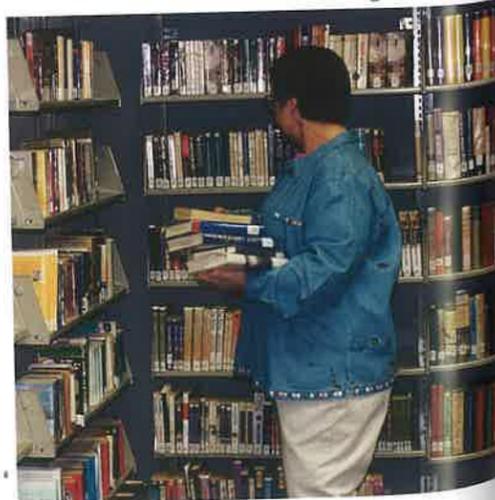
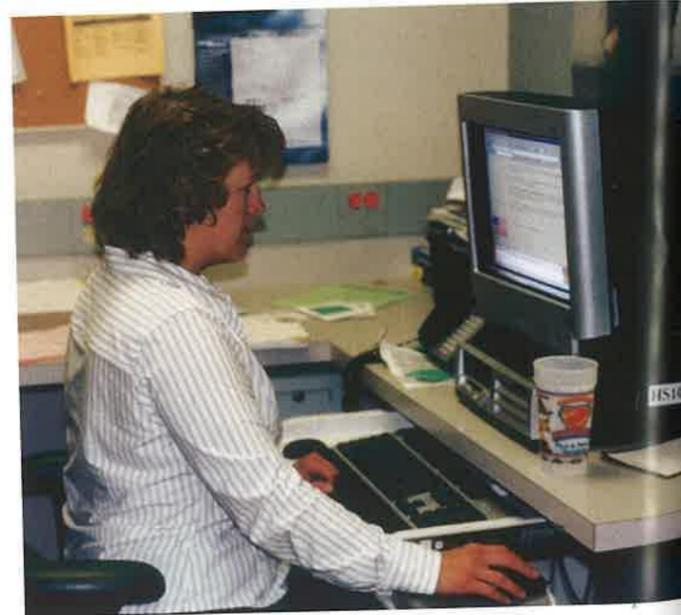
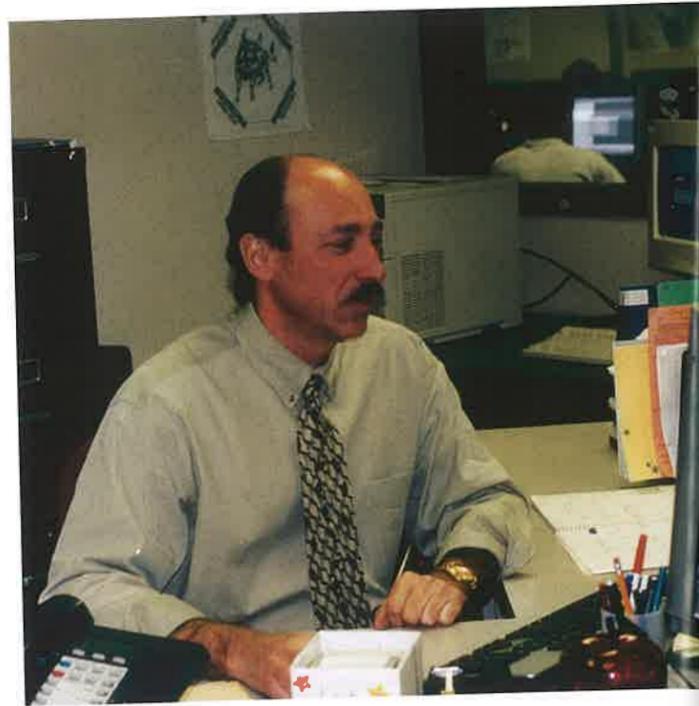
Lending a helping hand! Vocational Ed teacher Mr. Jerome Heinz helps to assist and supervise for Mrs. Sue Woodley while she is away from the computer center. He is making sure everything is functioning properly.

Wow, that is interesting? Career teacher Suzanne Stenerson is hard at work in the career center located in the library. She helps students who are undecided about their future.

Hmm, I wonder where this belongs? While putting away a stack of books Librarian Joan Johnson makes sure the books are properly put in order on the shelf.

Rhonda Harmon
Joan Johnson

Mary Soehren
Peggy Spitzer
Susan Woodley



English For Today

by Maham Fayyaz

Staff Writer

Some people dream of success, while others wake up and work hard at it. This quote helps explain that the Language Arts department and Language Arts classes require hard work and commitment in order to achieve success.

Language Arts is one of the most important classes taken by students. It not only helps students learn new vocabulary but also helps them get a better view of life. Language Arts is also beneficial in order to pursue a great career.

It helps students get through life effectively by allowing them to communicate well through speaking and writing, English teacher, Mrs. Mary Sherman said.

Every career requires you to communicate, and it is essential that we be prepared to do this, English teacher, Ms. Megan Gredesky said. Students enjoy Language Arts because they get a chance to read new stories, which are very appealing to them. My favorite thing about English III so far has been reading *The Crucible* because it has a great plot, junior Eric Maas said.

The classes Language Arts are beneficial and useful in order for students to achieve success.

This is what I think. Talking about the plot of the story, junior Creighton Brown discusses his ideas about the essay with English teacher Mrs. Marti Simmons.

This looks about right. Sitting during study hall, Ms. Lynette Mund, corrects the papers for senior English.



Meghan Brown
Mary Conant
Irene Van Eeckhout
Stacy Erlandson
Megan Gredesky



Jane Holland
Sybil Hopkins
Jeffrey Huffman
Ruth Joyce
Courtney LaLonde



Lori Liebl
Lynette Mund
Toni Nelson
Candice Paczkowski
Tina Rued
Mary Sherman

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A Foreign Affair

by Kayla Lever
Staff Writer

Foreign language is an elective class that most students should be privileged to take. The West Fargo High School offers languages such as Spanish, French, and German.

This summer, some world language teachers attended a group lesson that taught them Level 1 4MAT. In this course, a detailed system was shown that is used to allow students to adapt more easily to the foreign language that they are studying.

World Language teachers were not the only teachers to take this class, but a number of world language teachers took the class and are now incorporating what they learned in to what and how they teach.

4MAT has helped us be more aware of the different learning styles and to incorporate activities that will use each of the learning styles, French teacher Mrs. Kathy Neugebauer said.

Even the students found the new format easier to understand.

The system makes it easier to memorize the vocabulary and the language itself, sophomore Amber Jerger said.

The 4Mat is a teaching cycle that gives teachers a guide to follow when teaching new material.

Teachers who use the 4MAT method are teaching to how students learn, Mrs. Kathy Scott said.

The 4MAT method seems to be keeping both teachers and students happy making learning foreign languages fun and exciting.

One more... A group of students play spoons in Mrs. Lori Anderson's second year Spanish class.

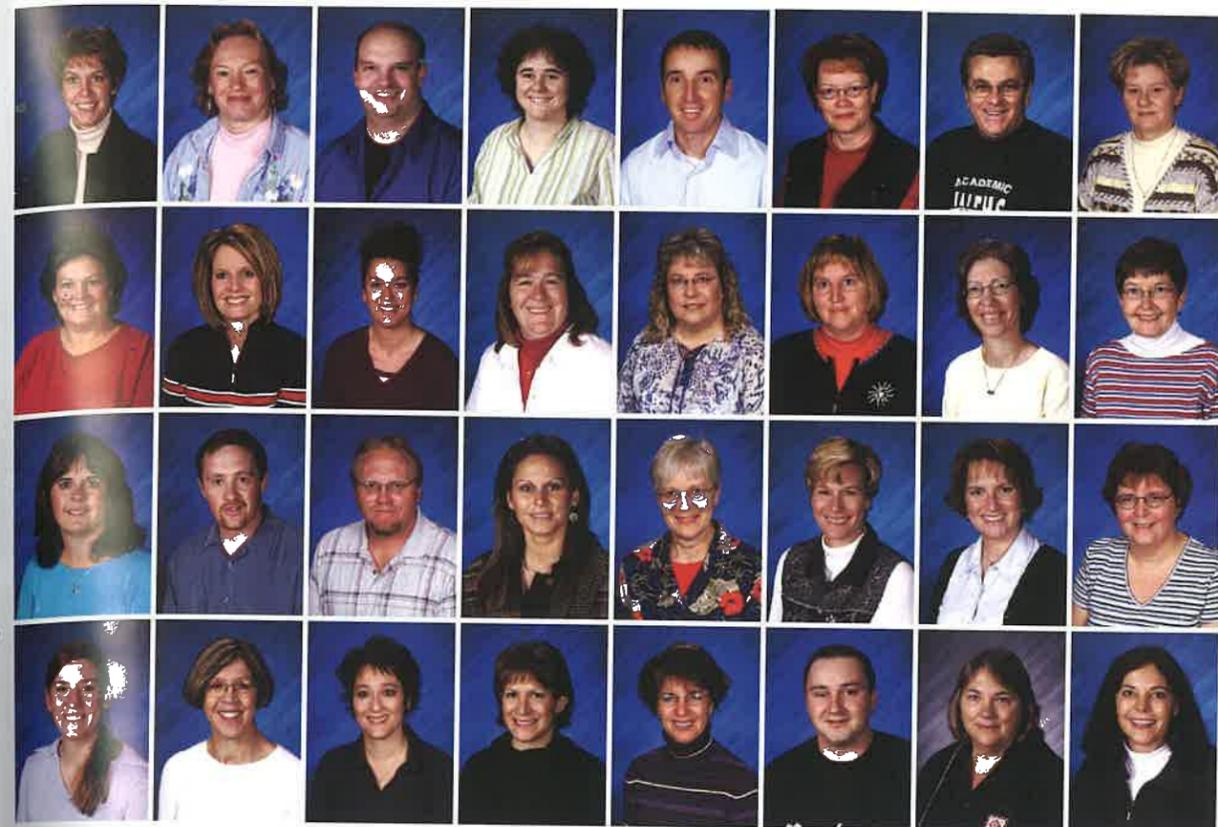
Isn't my sweater festive! While handing out spoons for a class activity, Mrs. Lori Anderson shares a story.

How cute. After sneaking out of her class, Mrs. Kathy Scott poses with a penguin.

Lori Anderson
Michelle Highman



Kathy Neugebauer
Kathy Scott



Ellen Aamot
Lise Alves
Michael Anderson
Kim Baur
Sean Bourke
Susan Boyle
Ronald Dahley
Kris Ertelt

Pam Grove
Brenda Hansen
Sandra Harris
Debbie Hasse
Sue Lynn Hoffart
Diane Huso
Connie Jenson
Betty Johnson

Denise Johnson
Joseph Johnson
Patrick Johnson
Brenda Knoll
Delores Normandin
Carol Olson
Dawn Pederson
Nancy Peterson

Summer Quamme
Betty Reyerson
Tami Rhodenbaugh
Heidi Rios
Lynne Sahr
Ryan Salisbury
Jackie Schell
Donna Schneider

2004 Faculty/Staff Not Pictured

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Rick Anderson Business Ed.	Shannon Jorgenson Senior Plus	Lisa Reich-Keller Lighthouse
Steven Anderson Business Ed.	Libby Leining Counseling	Ross Richards Social Studies
Darrin Boehm Social Studies	Don Lennon Social Studies	Keith Ringdahl Physical Ed.
Ernest Breznay Vocational Ed.	Steve Marquart Social Studies	Marti Simmons English
Rich Cwikla Vocational Ed.	Darin McKinnon Social Studies	Paul Tefft Social Studies
Rob Elliott Counseling	Jessica McKinnon Social Studies	Suzanne Thibert Foreign Language
Joy Fisch Art	Janice Miller Physical Ed.	Christina Walker Foreign Language
David Gravdahl Vocational Ed.	Maria Pegg Math	Jill Wold Science
Marilyn Harrold Paraprofessional		

Study, Study, Study... In the Lighthouse, Paraprofessional, Mrs. Brenda Knoll helps her students by giving them studying tips as well as guiding them through their homework in one of her morning classes.

Help is here! Explaining a homework assignment to a student Lighthouse teacher Mrs. Betty Reyerson helps her student understand her homework assignment during one of her classes throughout the day.

It's Cool At North's Homecoming Game, senior Tyler Roehl sneaks the ball in for a touchdown.



Football: Front Row: Drew Rheault, JD LaDouceur, Jeff Sinner, Tom Enlow, Dan Dardis, Tyler Roehl, Shawn Cummings, Bobby Brand, Nathon Aamodt, Austin Montgomery. 2nd Row: Brandon Sola, T.J. Medrud, Nick Urlaub, Adam Bertek, David Krogh, Jeremy Qualley, Matt Benson, Travis Schmidt, Cole Rieniets, Kyle Balster, Evan Fahrman. 3rd Row: Nick Brand, Kirk Rieniets, Shane Miller, Jake Murray, Chris Larson, Toren Mohs, Tyler Walker, Bill Behrmann, Jerod Heitkamp, Lance Johnson, Derek Young. 4th Row: Tressa Ireland, Scott Olson, Travis Ulmer, Karl Saxowsky, Kyle Hager, Mackinsey Nygaard, Jon Dondoneau, Matthew Winter, Loren Dickens, David Holland, Brianna Olstad. Back Row: Ali Schweitzer, Kirk Jensen, Seth Farkas, Brady Edwards, Nathan Boll, Dan Prashek, Brian McNeill, John Loberg, Scott Johnson, Marissa Roehl, Katie Scully.



Move it! As he makes his way down the field, senior Jeremy Qualley pushes a Fargo North opponent away.

A Continuing Tradition

Championship Makes Program a Dynasty

by Jennifer Lundgren
Senior Editor

The Packer football team has done it again, another State Championship, another EDC Championship and another Outstanding Senior Athlete. With their state championship, the Packers increased their winning streak to 23-0. In addition, the Packers produced the 2003 Outstanding Senior Athlete, Tyler Roehl.

It's a great accomplishment, but it's more of a team award because you can't do it without your team and coaches, senior running back Roehl said.

The Packers finished the regular season 9-0. Then the Packers went on to the post-season. They beat the Jamestown Bluejays in the quarterfinals, the Bismarck Century Patriots in the semi-finals and the Bismarck High Demons in the State Title game; back-to-back championships elevated the feelings of returning players.

It's an amazing feeling to be State Champions two years in a row, especially to go undefeated your senior year, senior free safety Adam Bertek said.

The Packers had their share of injuries. Senior Tyler Walker went out the second game of the season and was told his season was over. However, he ended up being able to come back and play in the post-season.

It was the greatest feeling ever, nothing beats this, and it was the perfect way to end the season, senior tight end Walker said.

For the seniors, their football career at West Fargo ended the best way possible: not only one State Championship, but back-to-back state championships. The juniors will have to step it up next year to fill the hole left by 30 graduating seniors.



Going for the TD! While playing the Devils Lake Firebirds, senior Cole Rieniets blocks a Devils Lake defender while junior Brian McNeill runs the ball downfield.

scoreboard

Opponents	Us	Them		
Jamestown	29	7	GF Central	38 7
Bismarck Century	41	0	Fargo South	24 0
Fargo North	46	6		
Devils Lake	55	0	State Playoffs	
GF Red River	47	28	Jamestown	57 6
Stanley	27	0	Bismarck Century	44 28
Wahpeton	55	6	Bismarck High	45 21

Pack Finds New Leader

Volleyball Under New Head Coach

by Jerod Heitkamp

Staff Writer



I got it! During a game at Grand Forks Red River sophomore Ali Edwards sets up along side junior Brianne Cebek and senior Brittany Stargardt.

The West Fargo Packer volleyball team was ready to play this past year. After coach Randy Holzkamm retired at the end the 2002 season, coach Paula Pierson stepped up. Many of the players took the coaching change quite well.

Coach Holzkamm will definitely be missed, but I think Paula is a very good coach, junior Emily Vetter said.

The regular season was very impressive. The Packers finished with a 16-2 record. Going into the EDC tournament, the girls faced off against Devils Lake, defeating them. Next, they defeated Fargo Stanley and took a tough loss to Red River in the championship game. Red River is a great team, which they have shown all season, but we are very confident that they are beatable, junior Danielle Klatt said.

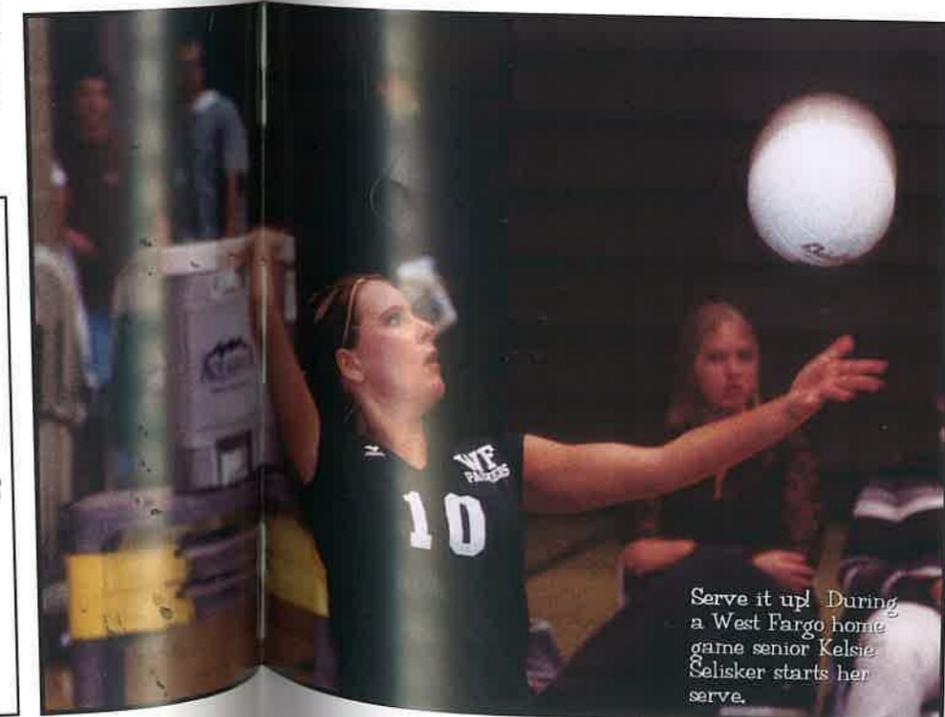
The Packers finished second in the EDC and qualified for the state tournament. They faced Dickinson in their first game, and to finish the season, the Packers defeated both Fargo North and Fargo South on their way to a consolation championship. We had a good season, and we did well in the state tournament, but there is always room to improve, junior Kristin Hoy said.

scoreboard

Opponents	Us	Them		
Grand Forks Red River	1	3	Grand Forks Central	3 0
Fargo South	3	1	Devils Lake	3 0
Valley City	3	0	Fargo North	3 2
Fargo Stanley	3	2	<u>EDC Tournament</u>	
Grand Forks Central	3	0	Devils Lake	3 0
Jamestown	3	0	Stanley	3 1
Grand Forks Red River	2	3	Grand Forks Red River	0 3
Wahpeton	3	0	<u>State Tournament</u>	
Fargo North	3	2	Dickinson	1 3
Fargo South	3	1	Fargo North	3 0
Stanley	3	0	Fargo South	3 1



Good job! Between plays in a game against Fargo North senior Trisha Howitz gets ready for the next serve.



Serve it up! During a West Fargo home game senior Kelsie Selisker starts her serve.



Volleyball: Front Row: Emily Vetter, Mary-Michael Vance, Brittany Stargardt, Kelsie Selisker, Kelsey Peterson, Sadie Mathson, Karli Rodgers, Jill Kussatz, Jennifer Grund 2nd Row: Amber Berglund, Trisha Howitz, Kristin Hoy, Angie Young, Brianne Cebek, Franziska Heinemann, Danielle Klatt, Ali Edwards Back Row: Coach Nikki Peterson, Coach Jennifer Oron, Nicole Holm, Elyse Porter, Tiffany Gjestvang, Andrea Hummel, Toni Haider, Sarah Tintes, Sarah Sauvageau, Coach Paula Pierson

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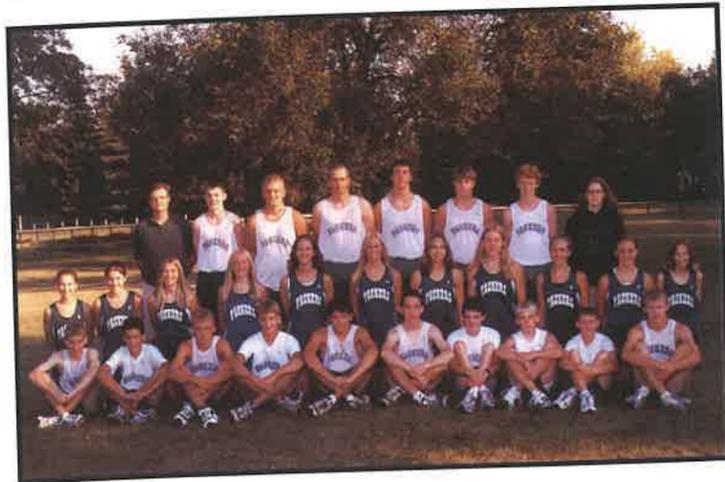
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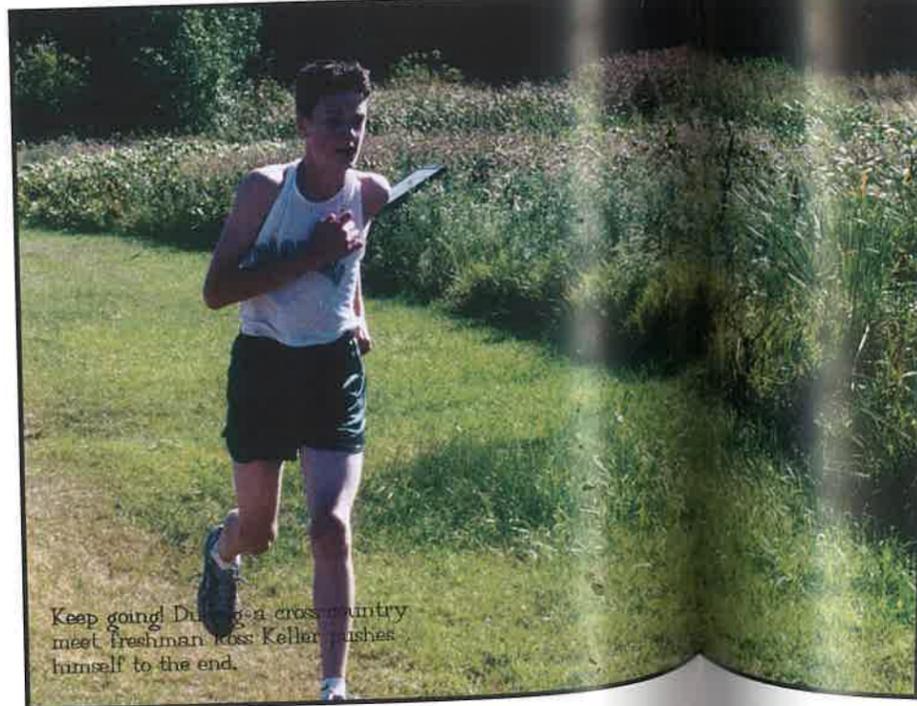
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Water! Running her hardest, junior Amy Foss sprints to the finish line at a cross country meet.



Cross-country: Front Row: Jason Walker, Alex Windjue, Alex Olson, Andrew Albrecht, Codie Zahradka, Allen Schmaltz, Ross Keller, Kade Thornton, Brandon Clark, Kody Jacobsen. 2nd Row: Sarah English, Amanda Bullis, Amy Foss, Elizabeth Pederson, Stephanie Thomas, Jenn Triebold, Sarah Rebenitsch, Alison Kelly, Cydney Crowe, Brandy Bergh, Amanda Barclay. Back Row: Head Coach Joe Bailey, David Baltezoze, Creighton Brown, Jeremy Nelson, Greg Gentzkow, Darek Knaus, Kevin Brager, Assistant Coach Tasha Dockter.



Keep going! During a cross-country meet, freshman Ross Keller pushes himself to the end.

Taking the Lead

Younger Players to Lead Oncoming Seasons

by Kayla Leier
Staff Writer

Many students are identified with what they do or say. Whether it be the drama students with their reenactments of movies, the choir members humming their latest tune or the cross-country team with their spaghetti feeds, all students have something they categorize themselves as. Cross-country runners are usually associated with spaghetti feeds because these dinners help unite the team and mentally prepare them for their races.

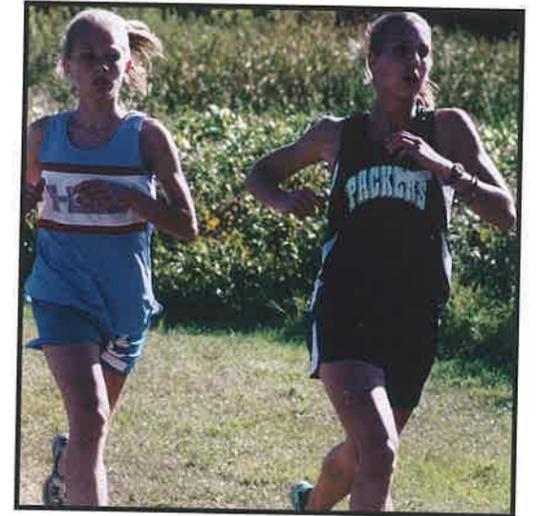
Spaghetti feeds give us a chance to get to know each other outside of running, freshman Sarah English said.

Students do not just join for the spaghetti though. They also learn the fundamentals of running and coordination and how to pace themselves. This is good both in and out of sports. Runners learn how to concentrate on their race and not worry about how they just passed someone or if someone has just passed them.

The competitions are one on one, it is all on you, freshman Sarah English said. Cross-country is both an individual and team sport. Athletes are by themselves; they do not have any one to fall back on. The team supports them, but it is up to the athlete to finish the meet.

Another reason students join is because it is a good way to get in shape for other sports. It is full of conditioning and endurance.

It gets me in shape for hockey, sophomore Kody Jacobson said. Our experienced runners ran pretty well at the state meet, however, our less experienced runners seemed a bit overwhelmed and did not run up to their abilities, Coach Jerome Bailey said. Overall nine runners qualified for state.



Yes! Passing the competition, junior Sarah Rebenitsch pushes herself into a higher position during the West Fargo Invitational.

scoreboard

Opponent	Boys	Girls			
Jameslawn Inv.	15th	15th	Fergus Falls Inv.	6th	6th
Moorhead Inv.	11th	7th	Grand Forks Inv.	7th	7th
Fargo North Inv.	3rd	2nd	EDC	10th	8th
Valley City Inv.	10th	8th	Fargo South Inv.	5th	5th
West Fargo Inv.	5th	4th	STATE	17th	14th
Detroit Lakes Inv.	2nd	6th			

Decade Awaited Win

Swimming and Diving Take EDC

by Madison Nicholls
Layout Editor



Keep formation... Suspended in mid-air, freshman Christina Hawley performs a dive during practice at L. E. Berger Pool.

Throughout the season, the West Fargo Girls Swimming and Diving team thought they were a good team, but not the best in state. As the season continued, there was word around the pool, that they were the team to beat.

There were rumors that we were number one, but our coach told us not to keep our hopes up, sophomore Ashley Lettenmaier said.

Not only did the swim team win, but the diving team put in all of their hard work to be number one as well. With each meet, the girls prepared themselves in their own unique way. We all do something different, I imagine myself swimming my race, while others scream and cheer with each other to get pumped up, sophomore Sari Lutt said. With all the hard work paying

off and winning an EDC victory, the Packers Swimming and Diving team was proud of their accomplishments they had made during the season.

It is the happiest the team has been in ten years, freshman Kelsey Schoonhoven said.

With the amazing victory at EDC and taking seventh at state, the Packers Girls Swimming and Diving team was proud of their victory. Knowing that all their hard work paid off, that was what the girls were proud of the most.

scoreboard

Opponents	Us	Them		
GF Central	106	74	Moorhead	131 55
GF Red River	108	72	Bismarck	135 48
Detroit Lakes	101	65	Bismarck Century	116 70
Fargo South	126	60	Fargo North	81.5 104.5
Minot	53	133	Stanley	141 42
Williston	60	126	EDC	264.5 1 st
Jamestown	114	72	State	171 7 th



Just keep swimming... During practice at L. E. Berger Pool, sophomore Kristen Lehfeldt swims the breast stroke in warm up laps.



Girls Swimming and Diving: Front Row: Tara Loberg, Hali Scholl, Jayme Noel, Ashley Lettenmaier, Alyson Holland, Katie Fretheim, Megan Brennan, Megan Nelson, Amber Tendeland. 2nd Row: Asst. Coach Amy Loberg, Emily Baasch, Lindsey Moe, Amanda Danielson, Shelby Hofland, Sari Lutt, Christy Hawley, Gina Doll, Kelsey Schoonhoven, Jill Springer, Vanessa Johansen, Lindsay Wangler. Back Row: Coach Marsha Dahl, Student Manager Matt Gilbertson, Erika Johansen, Diving Coach Ashley Reiter, Bobbi Manthie, Tracy Olson, Kristen Lehfeldt, Rachel Koehnen, Chantel Cummings, Andrea Flaten, Asst. Coach Terry Rust.

Paddle, paddle, paddle... While using a kick board, junior Andrea Flaten works on her kicks.

Love Love. Checking the ball, freshman Jim Broton is ready to serve the ball during practice at the court across from South Elementary.



Boys Tennis. Front Row: Michael Mohn, Brian Olson, Shaun Sinner, Brandon Spitzer, Sam Barentsen, Todd Jansen, Ben Seefeldt. 2nd Row: Paul Rumsey, Kyle Kastet, Brian Schiller, Brian Heinz, Steve McDonald, Andrew Rosenbaum. Back Row: Asst. Coach Sean Bourke, Jim Broton, Sam Maleki, Dan Bruns, Dylan Nitzkowski, Brandon Beyer. Head Coach Chad Anderson.



Almost there. Watching the ball, senior Dan Bruns, hopes that his serve makes it across during a home game.

Taking the Lead

Younger Players to Lead Upcoming Seasons

by Tami Lipp
People Editor

The score is 30-love. One more point and the Packers will win. The crowd goes silent. They serve the ball, and it goes over the net. The opposing team is waiting for it in anticipation. They hit the ball back, but it hits the net and never makes it across. There is excitement in the air for the boys tennis team has just won the match.

The team played nine regular matches throughout the season, and although they did not make it to state they still did well.

The team did surprisingly well this year. We had a lot of talent being showed by our younger players. In the future we will be a lot better, senior Dan Bruns said.

The team not only had fun with playing their matches, they also enjoyed the ride to their away games.

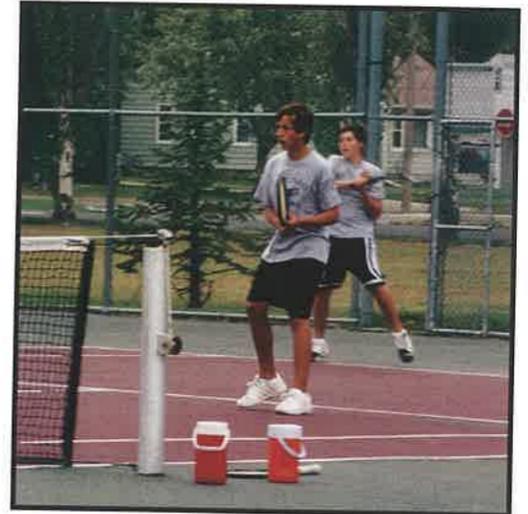
I liked going on the road trips, freshman Jim Broton said.

This year the team consisted of one senior, three sophomores, four freshmen, three eighth graders and six seventh graders.

The team was young with only one senior, but we are looking at a bright future in front of us with the young players that have been recruited, head coach Mr. Chad Anderson said.

Even with no seniors on the team next season, the team will still do well because the younger players gained experience through their games, and they have become better players through their practices and the games that they participated in.

Overall, the boys tennis team played their hardest, did very well and had a fun season playing together despite their outcome.



And its gone. Hitting the ball over the net, sophomore Brandon Beyer and teammate freshman Brian Heinz watch the ball go over the net while the opposing team is waiting for it.

scoreboard

Opponent	Us	Them		
Fargo North	0	9	Grand Forks Central	1 8
Stanley	2	7	Grand Forks Red River	0 9
Valley City	4	5	Jamestown	2 7
Wahpeton	0	9	West Fargo Invite	13th place
Fargo South	2	7	Valley City	1 4

Soccer Pushes Forward

Boys Develop Skills Throughout Season

by Liz McCracken

Senior Editor



Nice foot work! Looking for a way to score, senior Viet Le breaks through the Grand Forks Central defense and strides toward the goal.

The boys' soccer team had an average season, finishing with a record of 8-9-4.

Despite the rough turn out at state, the Pack was led with great leadership. Senior captains Andrew Gwost, Viet Le and Kyle Millar did a great job keeping their team fired up. The seniors did a great job keeping the team fired up the whole season, senior Adam Nystuen said.

The beginning of the season started out slow, but the team continued to develop their skills. Later in the season, they held a tournament where they proved what they could do. The team won three matches and took first place. We had a lot of fun and we actually got to prove that we could win tournaments, senior Andrew Gwost said.

The Pack went onto the State Tournament in Minot. The team did not do as well as Head Coach Doug Millar expected. 'State was kind of a let down, but we worked hard and it just didn't come out as well as we planned,' senior Kyle Millar said.

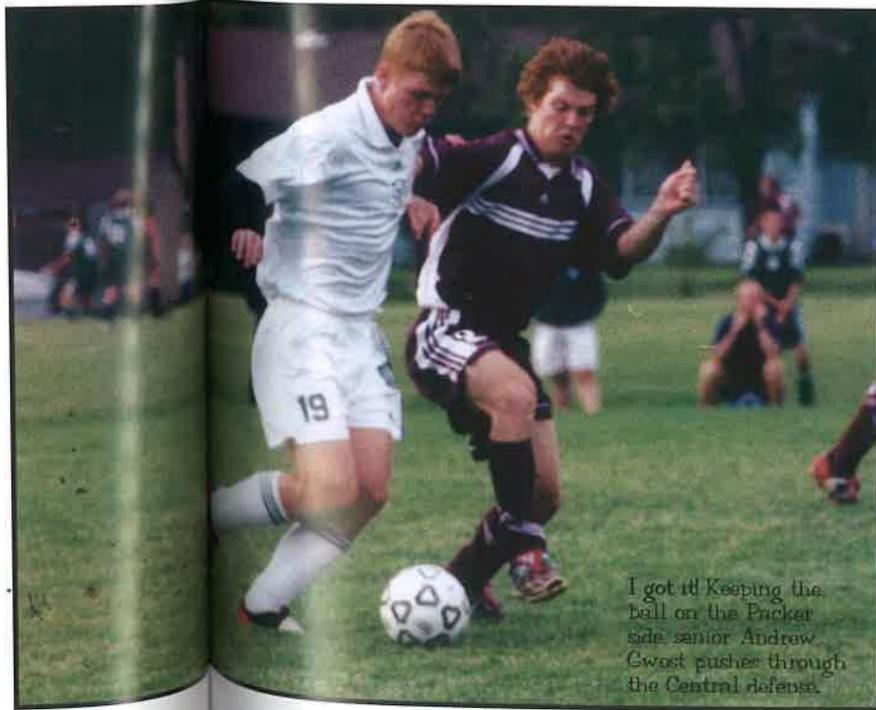
The Packers may have had an unexpected ending to their season, but the team worked hard together and pushed their way through the season as a team.

scoreboard

Opponents	Us	Them		
Bismarck St. Mary	0	1	Bismarck St. Mary	2 0
Bismarck Century	0	1	GF Central	6 2
GF Central	2	0	Detroit Lakes	2 1
Moorhead	1	1	GF Red River	2 1
Fargo North	0	6	Fargo South	1 3
Crookston	2	0	Fargo North	1 5
GF Red River	0	0	Stanley	2 2
Stanley	2	2	<u>State Tournament</u>	
Fargo South	1	4	Bismarck St. Mary	0 4
Jamestown	2	1	Bismarck Century	2 3
Mandan	7	2	Fargo South	2 3



Over here! Ready to pass, sophomore Mergim Vllahiu kicks the ball to senior Viet Le.



I got it! Keeping the ball on the Packer side senior Andrew Gwost pushes through the Central defense.



Boys Soccer: Front Row: Brandon Teets, Allen Wilkens, Mike Nicholas, Jordan Volk, Cody Shoman, 2nd Row: Kyle Millar, Jason Muller, Troy Wambach, Dan Hirschberger, John Kuik, Andrew Gwost, 3rd Row: Justin Schulz, Tyson Weatherly, Thor Thompson, Riley Nelson, David Goebel, 4th Row: Viet Le, David Sapp, Erich Johnson, Kyle Ekstrom, Mike Wilhelmi, Adam Nystuen, Back Row: Trainer Megan Winter, Asst. Coach Dave Stahlecker, Head Coach Doug Millar, Asst. Coach John Melendez, Trainer Laura Fugleberg.

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Girls' Golf Enjoys Great Season

Team Members Drive Their Way to Successful Year

by Kelsie Kinsella
Staff Writer

From putters and drivers to bogies and eagles, the girls' golf team improved immensely over the season. The girls practiced everyday at their home course, Maple River.

We putt out but we still play rough. It was our motto and encouraged us to play to our best. It was a great time and the girls were fun, senior Jennifer Sliper said.

Like all other sport teams, friendships are made throughout the season.

It was an exciting, fun year. The best part was that I was able to golf with my friends. I enjoyed the season, senior Cassie Ellingson said.

This year the team ended up doing well with six people making it to state. State was held at the Jamestown golf course and did fairly well, taking ninth.

The season overall was good and I think we improved greatly, while having fun at the same time, senior Mandy Readel said.

The team will hopefully continue to grow through the years.



Driving To Improvement

Boys Golf Achieves Great Season

by Scott Olson
Staff Writer

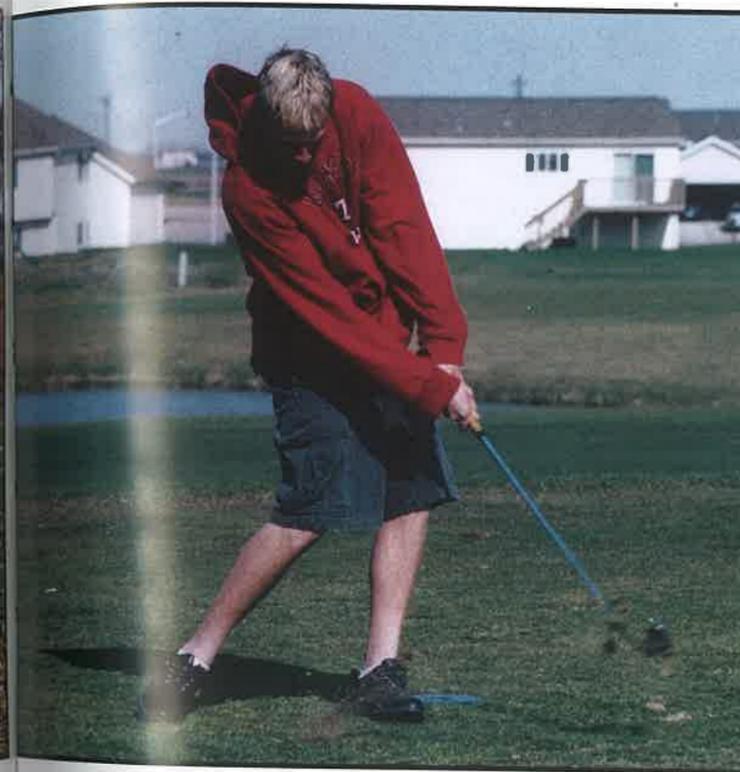
Goofy clothing, swinging a club and being outside all deal with the game of golf. To be a good golfer, people need dedication and a lot of time on their hands.

To pass the time on a nice day there is nothing better than coming out to the course and playing a round or two. Golf keeps me busy and is the best sport to play, junior Ethan Hongess said.

Golf is unlike any other sport. People can play golf for the rest of their life and with little effort. I like golf because its a fun sport, and I am going to play it until I die, sophomore Taylor Moch said.

The golf team practiced every day after school and worked very hard. They went to the Village Green Golf Course for practice and several miscellaneous courses around the state for their tournaments. I get to get out of school and go play golf, and it is an awesome sport, junior Mark Burkle said.

Golf takes time and practice. Every year a person plays golf, they get that much better and continue to get better for the remainder of their life. People play golf forever; it is a favorite sport among the senior citizens and many high school students as well.



scoreboard

Opponent	Score	Finish
GF Country Club	407	5th Place
GF King's Walk	385	7th Place
Valley City Bjornson Park	409	8th Place
Wapheton Bois de Sioux	381	5th Place
Maple River GC	387	6th Place
Devils Lake T. & C	371	5th Place
Edgewood Golf Course	389	7th Place
Oxbow Country Club	390	6th Place

scoreboard

Opponent	Score	Finish
Jamestown Invite	321	5th Place
Detroit Lakes Invite	433	6th Place
West Fargo Invite	323	8th Place
Stanley Invite	362	8th Place
Grand Forks Central Invite	345	9th Place
Grand Forks Invite	348	7th Place
Fargo South Invite	335	4th Place
EDC	327	9th Place
State		No Place



Girls Golf. Front Row: Jessica Krick, Ali Sprung, Jena McIntyre, Cassie Martin. 2nd Row: Alysha Stanczyk, Samantha Dougherty, Alexa Kleingartner, Mandy Readel, Krista Weiszhaar. Back Row: Coach Dan Wolf, Jen Sliper, Lindsey Lauritsen, Erika Hochgraber, Haley Nudell, Casandra Ellingson.

Whack! During practice, senior Mandy Readel sends the ball swiftly and forcefully towards the green



Here Birdie Birdie... While golfing, senior Matt Western drives a ball toward the green during practice.

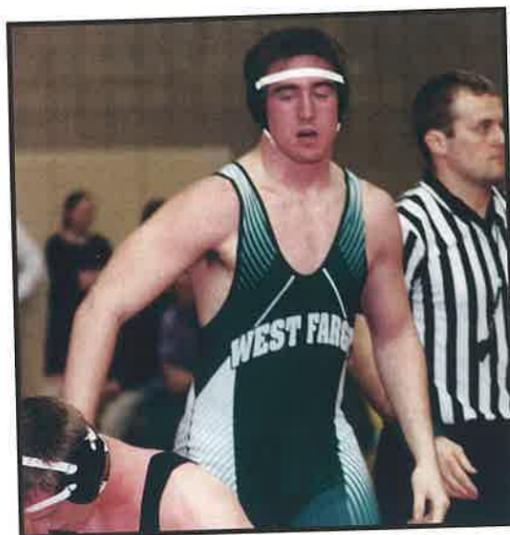
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Wrestlers Look Tough

Athletes Produce Another Strong Season

by Kyle Hagen
Staff Writer



I Got This Guy...Chilling at the State Tournament junior Scott Johnson stares down his competition at the FargoDome.

The mats are out, the lights are off, the spotlight shines and it is time to wrestle.

Four Kindred boys came to town and completed the wrestling line up this season. Senior Logan Lunde, one of three brothers from Kindred liked the coaching staff. The coaches are just great and keep shouting at us during the match to keep us going, Lunde said.

Competition between Class B and A varied throughout the season for the newcomers.

The competition during the season is harder in Class A, but at State its about the same as Class B, junior Scott Johnson said.

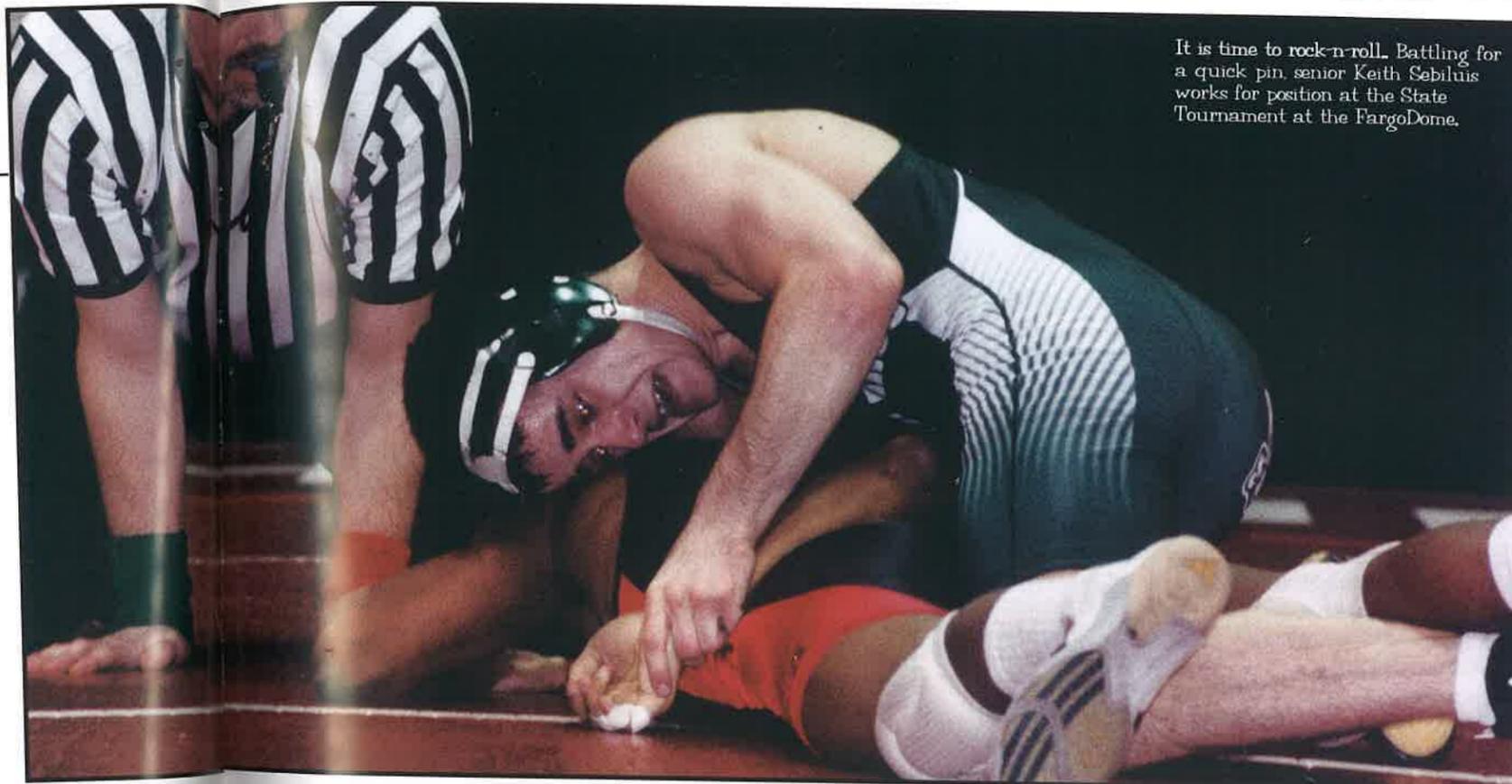
Wrestling has been a life-long sport for most wrestlers. I've been in wrestling since kindergarten, sophomore Mike

Manske said.

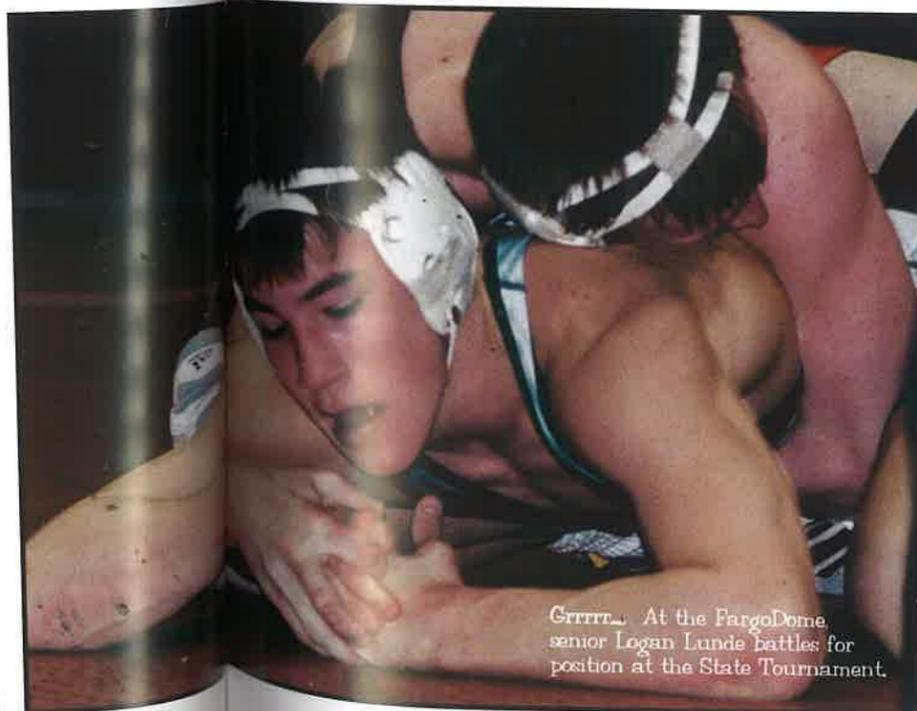
West Fargo finished second at state to Bismarck in duels. Senior Chris Borah finished the year as State Champion in Class A Individuals. Seniors Keith Sebelius, Lunde and Shane Miller all took second place. Sophomore Mike Jacobson took third place. Sophomores Jared Noel and Adam Lynnes and Johnson all took fourth.

scoreboard

Opponents	Us	Them		
Valley City	72	6	Bismarck	27 39
Jamestown	48	24	Dickinson	45 22
Fargo South	40	23	Mandan	45 27
Grand Forks Central	46	13	Minot	43 24
Wahpeton	51	25	Beulah	67 4
GF Red River	38	24	Century	48 28
Fargo North	38	32	Williston	51 21
Devils Lake	55	13	State Tournament	
Detroit Lakes	45	33	Minot	40 18
Bismarck Century	52	21	Dickinson	39 19
St. Michael /Albert	22	47	Bismarck	18 38



It is time to rock-n-roll. Battling for a quick pin, senior Keith Sebelius works for position at the State Tournament at the FargoDome.



Grapple. At the FargoDome, senior Logan Lunde battles for position at the State Tournament.



Wrestling Team: Front Row: Megan Christianson, Rocky Reyerson, Cameron Ramberg, Andrew Hanson, Jared Noel, Adam Lynnes, Nathan Lynnes, Tony Owens, Lex Lunde. 2nd Row: Coach Ryan Weigel, Keith Sebelius, Chris Lundberg, Logan Lunde, Dane Sayers, Jordan Bonnet, Brandon Sola, Chris Borah, Taylor Bertek, Pat Joyce, Coach Kayle Dangerud. Back Row: Coach Steve Marquart, Josh Johnson, Josh Owens, Shane Miller, Mike Manske, Scott Johnson, Jeff Dauer, Alex Kautz, TJ Medrud, Mike Jacobson, Coach Tim Shirek.

Girls Succeed

Team Makes It To State

by Brittany Kloos
Index Editor

For the second season, the West Fargo gymnastics team has co-oped with Fargo North. The joining of the two teams has been a benefit. The two separate schools get along as one and have become good friends.

We work much better with more girls, and we all get along. With the co-op, we have better chances of going to state as a team, senior Karrie Burdick said. The three seniors Burdick, Lindsey Lauritsen and Erika Johansen ended their gymnastics careers just how it started, together. The girls had been in gymnastics together for 10 years.

We all went to Dakota Flyers gymnastics when we were in elementary school, and then we went to high school gymnastics, Johansen said.

The girls shined during their season, and it ended with a trip to Valley City for the state gymnastics meet. The girls competed in team and individuals. State went well. We worked hard and definitely had fun, Lauritsen said.



scoreboard

Location	Place
Fargo	3rd
Fargo	4th
Valley City	3rd
Bismarck	5th
Jamestown	3rd
Fargo	3rd
Grand Forks	5th
Dickinson	3rd
Fargo	3rd
Jamestown	2nd
EDC	
Grand Forks	4th
State	
Valley City	7th



Gymnastics: Front Row: Mary Jo Nelson, Karrie Burdick, and Emily Schreier. Back Row: Erika Johansen and Lindsey Lauritsen.

I think I'm gonna cry...Posing for a picture, seniors Karrie Burdick, Lindsey Lauritsen, and Erika Johansen smile big.



scoreboard

Opponent	Us	Them
Bismarck	6	5
East Grand Forks	10	0
Grand Forks	4	5
Fargo South	5	1
Wapeton	20	1
Bismarck	3	1
Fergus Falls	1	0
Hazen	5	0
Dickinson	9	0
Devils Lake	5	0
Minot	1	2
Williston	2	1
Hazen	9	2
Fargo South	2	0
Devils Lake	3	1
Jamestown	7	1
Grand Forks	6	3
Minot	0	3
Jamestown	5	0
Wapeton	13	1
Devils Lake	6	2
Williston	4	2
Grand Forks	2	1

Girls' On Top

Skate Around Competition

by Kelsie Kinsebla
Staff writer

The West Fargo/Fargo North Girls Hockey successfully completed their second year as a sanctioned high school sport. Combining the talent of each player and working together was a factor in their success. Teamwork is the key to our success, assistant coach Pat Johnson said.

West Fargo contributed three top players this year. Having the top goalie, Mandy Readel, the top scorer, Erin Johnson, and Cassie Beckerleg, West Fargo was able to contribute to the success of Spartans Girls Hockey. Its great when a team has chemistry like this, sophomore Erin Johnson said.

The girls' chemistry helped with their success. They were solid in each game. The girls ended up first in the state and first in their division. My favorite moment of the year was when we won state, and the crowd cheered my name, senior Mandy Readel said.

The program seemed to be more popular this year. It looks to be even more popular with increased support.



Girls Hockey: Amanda Readel, Erin Johnson and Cassandra Beckerleg

Whoosh! The sound of the puck in the air as senior Mandy Readel stops yet another goal.

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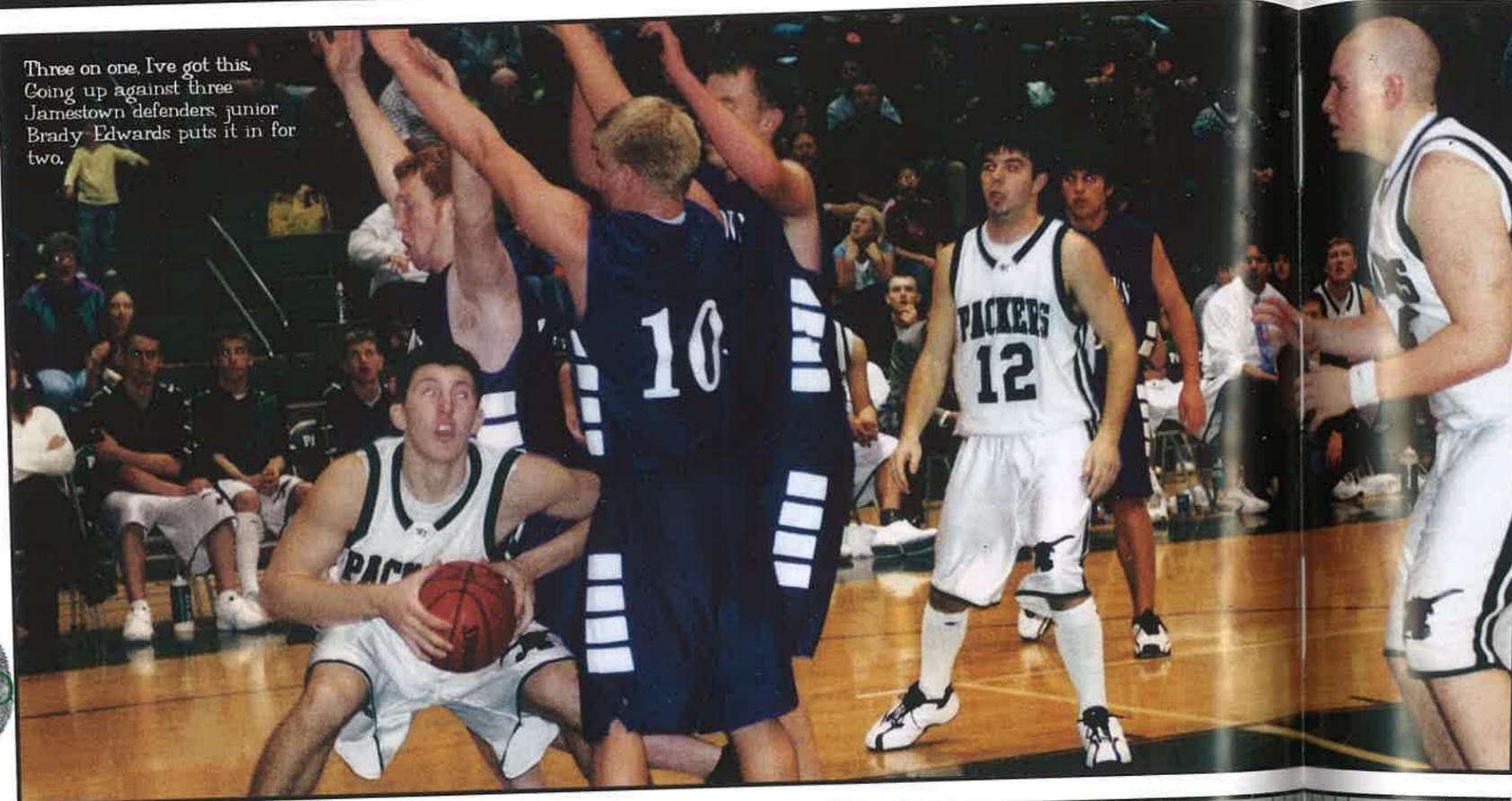
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Three on one, I've got this. Coming up against three Jamestown defenders, junior Brady Edwards puts it in for two.



Experience Leads Team

Skilled Players Guide Younger Members

by Jennifer Lundgren
Senior Editor

The boys basketball team started their year off strong, winning three of their first four games, and finished 11-4 in the EDC regular season. They lost their final game of the regular season, which made the Packers the second seed going into the EDC tournament. We had a good regular season, but we just didn't finish some of the games how we would have liked to, senior Dan Dardis said.

The Packers came out victorious at the EDC tournament. They won their first two games, but lost to Grand Forks Red River for the championship. They then headed to state, again as the second seed. I feel that all the hard work we did during the season paid off when we made it to state, senior Bobby Brand said.

At state, the boys defeated Bismarck Century in their first game and then faced Bismarck High to advance to the State Championship game. However, they suffered a disappointing loss. Nevertheless, they did not let it get them down and proved to be too tough for Williston. They finished in third place at state. I thought we played really well during our season, and it carried over to a third place finish at state, junior Nathan Johnson said.



You're not taking this from me! Bringing the ball down the court, senior Bobby Brand keeps the ball away from his Fargo North opponent.

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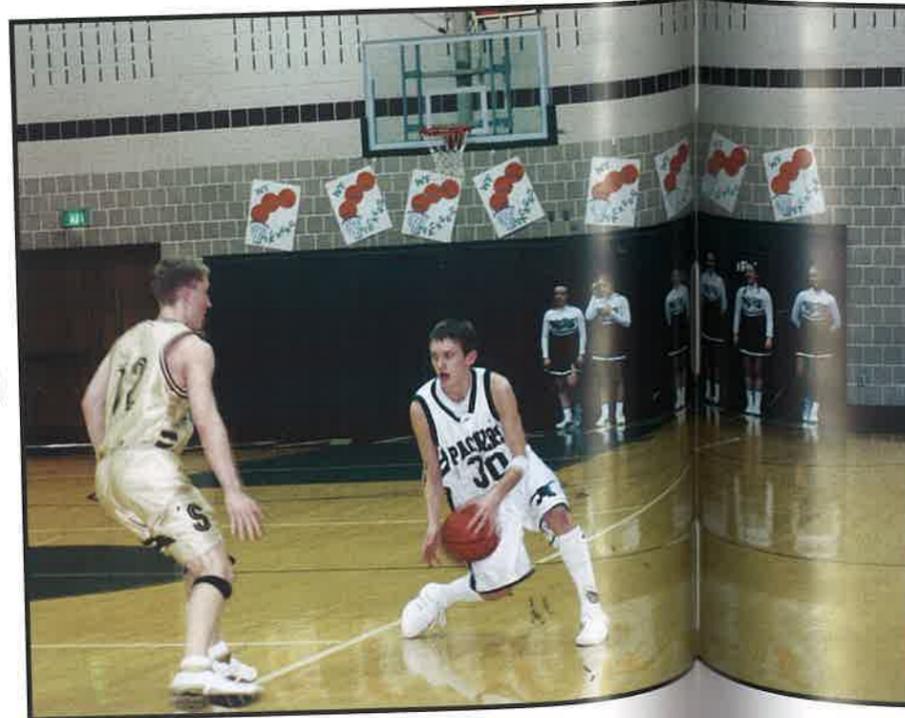
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Boys Basketball. Front Row: Marni Benson, Jared Diemert, Jon Kuik, Billy Longmire, Seth Farkas, Bobby Brand, Jennifer Lundgren. 2nd Row: Jennifer Olson, Kyle Balster, Nathan Swensen, Nathan Johnson, Brendan Bubach, Jerod Heitkamp, Jodi Nelson, Emily Silbernagel. Back Row: Coach Rick Anderson, Austin Montgomery, Dan Dardis, Brady Edwards, Chris Lauinger, Brock Storrusten, Coach Jim Jonas, Coach Greg Limke.

Can you keep up with me? While being defended by Souths Adam Troyer, junior Brendan Bubach keeps control of the ball.



scoreboard

Opponent	Us	Them
Jamestown	48	46
Valley City	67	57
Fargo South	59	67
Wahpeton	51	50
St. Mary's	60	67
Bismarck	54	48
Williston	62	69
Fargo North	81	57
Stanley	49	43
Devils Lake	82	67
Moorhead	47	48
Grand Forks Red River	61	54
Valley City	74	48
Wahpeton	51	54
Jamestown	79	63
Fargo South	59	53
Fargo North	86	57
Stanley	51	53
Grand Forks Central	49	55
Fargo North	53	47
Devils Lake	53	47
Grand Forks Red River	54	59
Bismarck Century	54	45
Bismarck High	49	69
Williston	62	56

She Shoots, She Scores

Girls Pull Together, Head to State

by Karbi Rodgers
Staff Writer



Shoot for the stars...Reaching for the tip-off, sophomore Ali Edwards begins the game against Shanley at a home game during the season.

How can I begin to tell you how fun this season has been? junior Stacie Frovarp said.

The Girls' Basketball team came a long way from the beginning of the season. Their final record was 9-14. We struggled a little bit in the beginning, but we became more of a team throughout the year, sophomore Ali Edwards said.

They had a young team with a lot of experience. With a new coaching staff, which began last year, the coaches began to get the hang of things. The key to winning each game is teamwork, junior Emily Vetter said.

Each player became closer to one another. They finished fourth in EDC and faced two tough losses to Mandan and Central in the first round of state

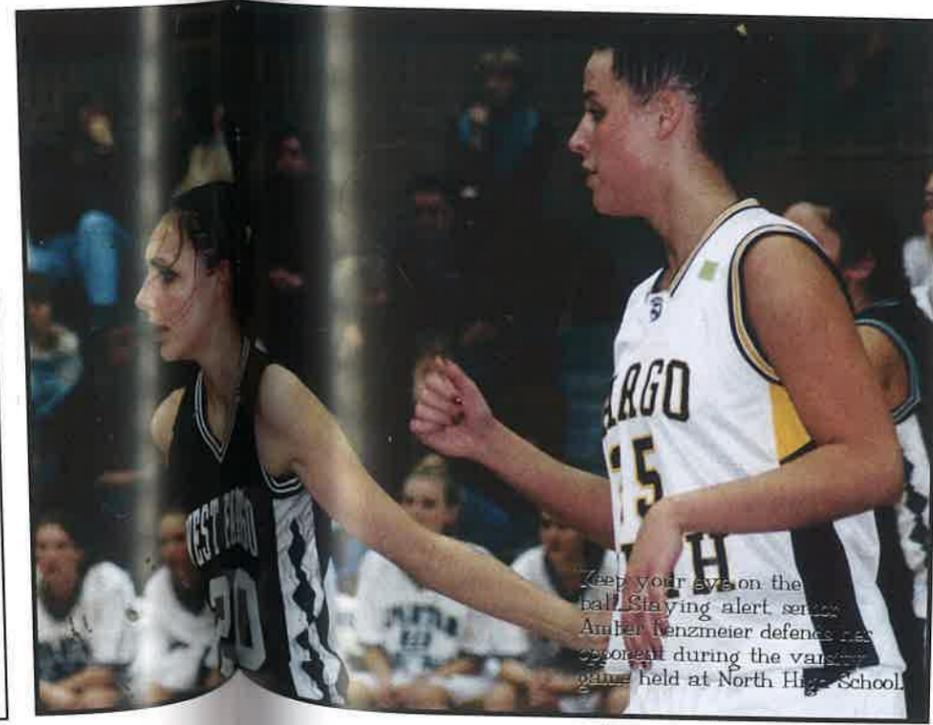
held in Bismarck. Two seniors showed leadership throughout the year. I was very impressed with the girls attitude and effort, and they always gave 100 percent without being asked, coach Lynette Mund said. Did this season set the pace for the years to come?

scoreboard

Opponents	Us	Them		
Jamestown	53	55	Wahpeton	41 50
Valley City	51	68	Devils Lake	49 47
Fargo South	30	66	Fargo South	26 50
Wahpeton	53	46	Jamestown	66 53
Dickinson	42	60	Fargo North	68 49
Minot	57	74	Stanley	59 68
Williston	57	55	Mandan	40 60
Fargo North	69	50	GF Central	51 61
Stanley	59	69	Jamestown	54 38
Mandan	40	75	GF Red River	66 74
GF Red River	37	90	Valley City	57 52
Valley City	50	48	Devils Lake	60 54



Stick with it! Showing off her defensive skills, junior Emily Vetter anticipates her next move while guarding her opponent at North High School during an in-season game.



Keep your eye on the ball. Staying alert, senior Amber Benzmeier defends her opponent during the varsity game held at North High School.



Varsity Girls Basketball. Front Row: Jennifer Grund, Emily Vetter, Amy Foss, Mary-Michael Vance. 2nd Row: Coach Nikki Peterson, Christine Esser, Stacie Frovarp, Nichole Rheault, Kelsey Beauchamp, Nicole Holm, Angelica Leal, Coach Nancy Wentz. Back Row: Coach Lynette Mund, Ingrid Scantlebury, Lindsay Stokes, Andrea Hummel, Tiffany Gestvang, Amber Lenzmeier, Ali Edwards, Cassie Ellingson.

Hard Work Pays Off

Hockey's Work Effort Develops Good Season

by JD LaDouceur
Staff Writer



Excuse me! Skating the puck up ice, senior David Rankin passes by Bismarck Centurys defense, to give his team a strong scoring chance.

The hockey team had an exciting year in the 2003-2004 season. The team came out in the first conference game with a 4-1 victory over Jamestown. The team had a record of 8 wins and 15 losses.

Things were going well in the beginning, the team felt good and we had confidence after our 6-1 victory over Shanley, senior David Rankin said.

After struggling in their Christmas tournament, they had a 4-1 victory against the Fargo North Spartans. We struggled during our Christmas tournament, but after that I thought we would turn around, finish strong and go to state, senior Andrew Gwost said.

After the Christmas tournament the team had to work hard to prepare for the East Region Tournament. After the

Christmas Tournament, I felt that the team was ready and prepared to win games and move on to the state tournament, junior Seth Kelly said.

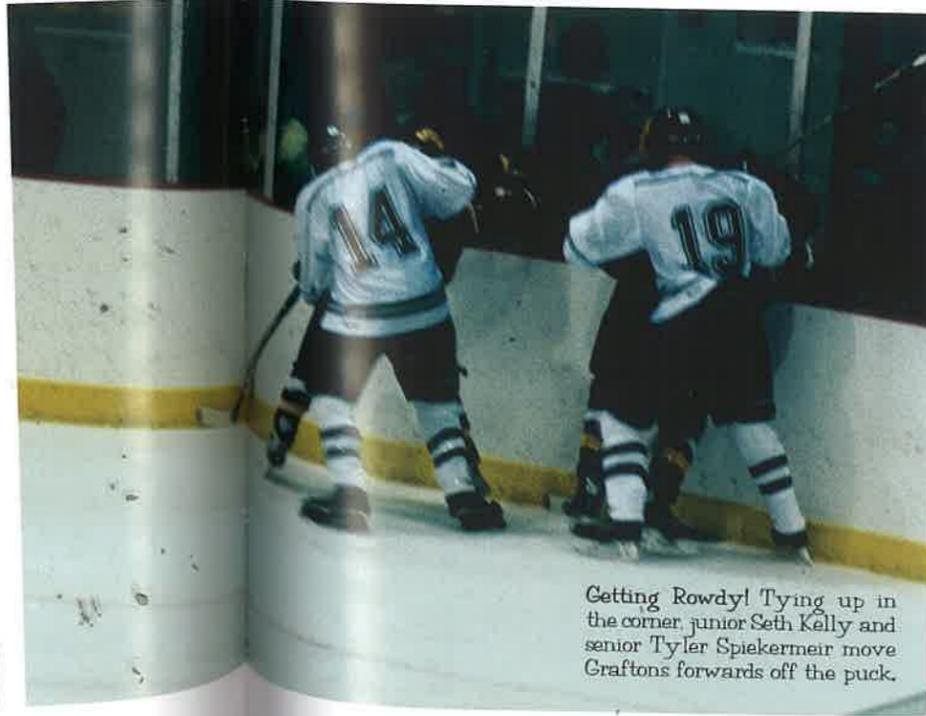
The team finished their season at EDC after losing two games. Even though the team did not make it to state, they finished setting a new record for West Fargo hockey, having the most points in a season.

scoreboard

Opponents	Us	Them		
Bismarck Century	3	4 (ot)	Fargo South	1 7
Jamestown	4	1	Wakpeton	8 1
Wakpeton	9	2	GF Red River	1 4
GF Red River	2	4	Grafton	1 6
Red Lake Falls	8	0	Mandan	2 1
GF Central	0	3	GF Central	2 3
Fargo Shanley	6	1	Fargo North	2 5
Fergus Falls	1	4	Grafton	2 4
Willmar	0	6	Fargo South	0 7
Detroit Lakes	4	3	Jamestown	4 0
Fargo North	4	1	EDC Tournament	
			Fargo South	1 5
			GF Red River	2 5



West Fargo Scoring! Scoring the first goal of the season, Senior number 20 Danny Hirschberger celebrates with his teammates.



Getting Rowdy! Tying up in the corner, junior Seth Kelly and senior Tyler Spiekermeir move Graftons forwards off the puck.



Boys Hockey: Front Row: Sarah Tintes, Ali Schweitzer, 2nd Row: JD LaDouceur, Toren Mohs, Michael Jore, Kody Jacobsen, Coach Ross Richards, Andrew Gwost, Seth Kelly, Coach Troy Miller, Jon Dondoneau, Darek Knau, Luke Baldwin, Colin Guidinger, Back Row: Jeff Vance, Danny Hirschberger, David Rankin, Tyler Spiekermeir, Andy Sahlberg, Tom Enlow, Nick Brand, Troy Wambach, Jon Vance, Greg Mattern, Chad Byklum, Coach Aaron Dodd.

Boys Treading Water

Team Struggles at EDC, Dominates at State

by Kyle Hager
Staff Writer



Take A Deep Breath... Before dipping below the water, sophomore Greg Centzkow takes a deep breath to practice his form at practice before EDC.

West Fargo lost many important graduating swimmers and divers last year, so this year they were looking to rebuild.

To be a swimmer it takes a positive mental attitude and dedication, senior David Krogh said.

West Fargo had to face a tough season after losing two important swimmers that placed well at EDC and State. This year, West Fargo placed 3rd at EDC. I was expecting to place better overall as a team, but we still swam our best sophomore Greg Centzkow said.

West Fargo had one diver competing this year, freshman Garrett Abraham. Hes new to diving, but hes already mastered the easy dives, which is really good, senior Andy Schoonhoven said.

Overall, the boys started out missing some old faces, but ended the year with some strong finishes such as their outstanding second-place finish at state, and head coach Marsha Dahl was voted EDC Coach of the Year.

Home swimming meets are held at the L.E. Berger pool and have been an exciting time, so dropping in and watching is an experience that should be taken in.

scoreboard

Meets	Us	Them		
Grand Forks	91.5	87.5	Mandan Invite	213 4th
Fargo North	79	104	Fargo South Invite	184 7th
Mandan	83	100	Fargo North Pentathlon	149 1st
Moorhead	80	99	Fargo South Tri.	150 3rd
Bismarck	125	46	Grand Forks Invite	292 5th
Century	134	46		
Jamestown	114	65	<u>EDC Tournament</u>	
Fargo South	119	66	Fargo North	258 3rd
			<u>State Tournament</u>	
<u>Invitationals</u>			Mandan	267 2nd
UND Invite	213	6th		



Stroke it!... Working on his breast stroke during practice senior Andy Schoonhoven takes a deep breathe before dipping under the water at the L.E. Berger pool.



Nice and Smooth... Working on his stroke and breathing techniques senior David Krogh works hard at the L.E. Berger pool.



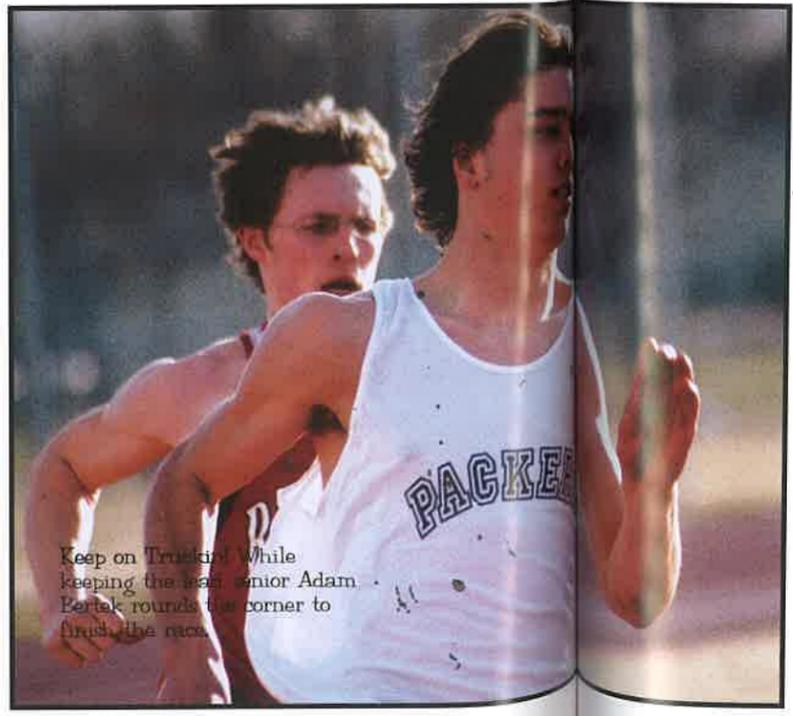
Boys Swimming and Diving: Front row: Jacob Danielson, Garrett Abraham, Alex Windjue, Zach Cormican, Ashley Lettenmeier (Manager), Rachel Koehnen (Manager). 2nd row: Bridget Bossert, Ross Keller, James Johansen, Lee Ryan, Matt Gilbertson, Amanda Danielson (Manager), Jesse Erhardt. Back row: Head Coach Marsha Dahl, Sam Jacobs, Dylan Nitzkowski, David Krogh, Andy Schoonhoven, John Loberg, Greg Centzkow, Coach Terry Rust.



Just a Leap Away...On a hot day, sophomore Alison Kelly competes in the triple jump during a track meet at South High.



Front Row: DeAnn Knutson, Sierra Laufenberg, Sarah Parkhouse, Alison Kelly, Brandy Bergh, Karen Okigbo, Ashtynn Sylvester, Christine Esser, Megan Byzewski, Amanda Barclay. 2nd Row: Jaclyn Rankin, Megan Wigglesworth, Kristin Hoy, Kalee Kroenke, Jennifer Triebold, Sarah Rebenitsch, Amy Foss, Hayley Knutson, Amanda Lee, Daizha Goodridge, Jamie Green. 3rd Row: Jennifer Sliper, Kelsey Beauchamp, Lacey Finnell, Cassie Ellingson, Casey Paisley, Elizabeth Pederson, Alyssa Hegvick, Jennifer Capouch, Alyson Archibald, Angela Leal. 4th Row: Alex Olson, Kevin Brager, Scott Bartsch, Allen Schmaltz, Bill Behrmann, Taylor Bertek, Chris Urlaub, Cole Horsager, Rob Gibson, Landon Johnson. 5th Row: Chris Larson, Kyle Hager, Brian McNeil, Nick Urlaub, Adam Bertek, Seth Farkas, Creighton Brown, Jeremy Nelson. 6th Row: Ryan Kostelecky, Tom Bishoff, Joseph Bruder, Scott Johnson, Daniel Dardis, Nathan Boll, Evan Fahrman, Chris Cook, David Baltezone, Joshua Jones. Back Row: Darrin Boehm, Randy Holzmann, Kelly Sather, Tim Scully, Darin Mckinnon, Jim Jonas, Kristina Cumber.



Keep on Truckin' While keeping the lead, senior Adam Bertek rounds the corner to finish the race.

Athletes Support Team

Boys and Girls Track Teams Stay on Stride

by Aimee McEwen
Staff Writer

Track is a versatile sport that allows the athletes involved to get exercise in different ways. Many people think of track as an individual sport but the team begs to differ. I would consider track a team sport because we all try our hardest to place well and get points for the team, sophomore Jenessa Olson said. Members of the team enjoy watching their teammates compete against other schools and see how well they do. Many of the people on track compete in many different events, which makes every person needed. Sometimes members are forced to run against their own teammates. They want to be cheering them on instead of competing against them. Captains provide encouragement for the team. We (the captains) try to lead the team by example. We try to push the team and encourage everyone, so they can have success, junior captain Kristin Hoy said. Many of the members qualified for state. Both squads (guys and girls) have worked very hard to get where they are today, head coach Mr. Darin McKinnon said. The team had a successful season with the determination of the athletes, leadership skills from the captains, and the great coaching staff.



Hold on tight! Preparing to take the handoff, sophomore Kalee Kroenke receives the baton from eighth grader Jamie Green in the 4 x 800 relay held at South High.

scoreboard

Meet	Boys	Girls		
Indoor Season				
• Early Bird	5th	2nd	Moorhead Inv.	3rd 2nd
EDC Indoor	8th	7th	Stanley Inv.	9th 2nd
Thundering Herd	No team pts. taken		Owen Jensen Invite	5th 2nd
State Indoor	13th	8th	Packer Relays	2nd 2nd
Outdoor Season				
Moorhead Inv.		3rd	Fargo Rotary	4th 7th
Fargo Pentangular	3rd		High Five Relays	1st 1st
Fargo North Triangular	1st	1st	Grand Forks Last Chance	No team pts. taken
Grand Forks Sertoma	3rd	2nd	EDC Outdoor	7th 2nd
			State Outdoor	12th 10th

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Kicking It Up

Girls Soccer proves to be successful

by Kelsie Kinsebla

Staff Writer

Passing, running and scoring are only a few things the West Fargo Girls Soccer team did in the 2004 season. The key to their success was teamwork. The team really came together this year and worked together, senior Kristen Estrem said.

This year they continued to have a positive outlook for EDC and state. I think we will be able to make it to state with hard work and dedication, senior Kim Lammers said. The defense protected the goal, while the offense continued to pound on their opponents.

Faster! While running to get the big kick off, senior Kristen Estrem gets ahead of the Fargo South player to advance the ball up the field, at the West Fargo Soccer field.

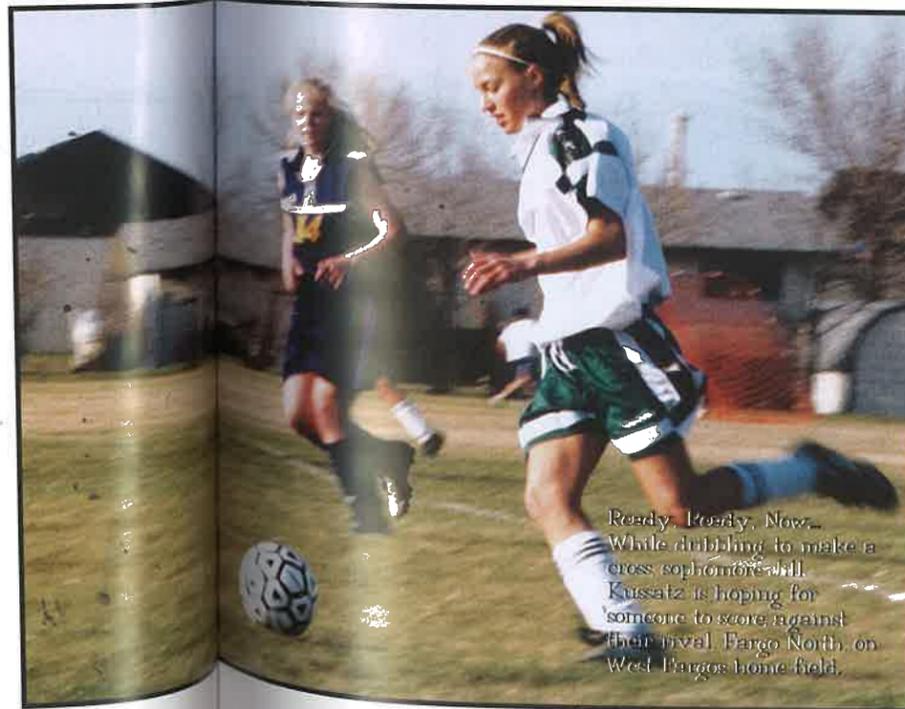
The competition was good this year, but we did good, junior Danielle Klatt said. The West Fargo Girls Soccer team will continue to be successful with such hard work and dedication.

scoreboard

Opponents	Us	Them			
Fargo North	2	1	Stanley	2	0
St. Mary's	0	2	Fargo South	0	5
Dickenson	0	2	Devils Lake	5	0
Stanley	1	0	GF Red River	4	0
Devils Lake	5	1	Minot	4	1
Fargo South	1	2	Jamestown	1	1
GF Central	1	3	GF Central	0	6
GF Red River	2	2	State Tournament		
Bismarck High	0	2	Bismarck Century	0	3
Bismarck Century	1	1	St. Mary's	1	2
Fargo North	2	0	Fargo South	0	4



I got it! While fighting for the ball, senior Megan Winter tries to win the ball from her opponent with the support from the fans at the West Fargo Soccer field.



Ready, steady, Now... While dribbling to make a cross, sophomore Jill Kussatz is hoping for someone to score against their rival, Fargo North, on West Fargo's home field.



Girls Soccer: Front Row: Karrie Burdick, Kim Lammers, Kristen Estrem. 2nd Row: Joni Grant, Miranda Utter, JoJo Haerter, Megan Winter, Kayla Huso. 3rd Row: Danielle Klatt, Jessica Short, Jill Kussatz, Elizabeth Volk, Tiffany Selheim, Jennifer Pederson. 4th Row: Jennifer Wangler, Nikki Hertel, Tiffany Gjestvang, Sarah Clark, Janelle Lammers. Back Row: Laura Bartch, Erika Freed, Mike Nicholas, Jim Flores, John Melendez, Tracy Tanner.



Keep your eye on the ball! Putting the ball down the third base line sophomore Ali Edwards bunts the ball against Fergus Falls.



Taking the Lead

Younger Players to Lead Oncoming Seasons

by *Erica Knoll*
Staff Writer

Three balls, two strikes, its bottom of the seventh with two outs. She steps up to the plate, the ball soars through right field. This one is out of here! The Packers win the game! The Varsity Softball team started off strong and continued through the season.

We've won six championships in a row and it would be great to finish my softball career with another championship, senior Brittany Stargardt said.

Long-time coach Mr. Pat Johnson has molded the success of the team. Although, the girls hold the most significant role in their success. "Our team really gets along well, allowing us to do the best we can," sophomore Ali Edwards said.

This year's team is led by many of the seniors who will be missed, sophomore Kelsi Wollitz said.

Although the team has to let their seniors go, the girls will keep their winning streak alive.

The crowd goes wild! The Packers shake hands with the opposing team and start preparing for the next game.



Prepare for the pitch! Ready to fire the pitch, senior Liz McCracken pushes off the mound for a big play on the Packers home field at Elmwood Park at the beginning of the season.

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Softball Front Row: Jennifer Grund, Brittany Stargardt, Mandy Readel. 2nd Row: Marni Benson, Kelly Klaers, Liz McCracken, Lindsey Lauritsen, Kelsie Kinsella. 3rd Row: Jennifer Hummel, Erin Johnson, Ali Edwards, Karly Kivi, Kelsi Wollitz, Jake Lauritsen. Back Row: Pat Johnson, Terry Stargardt.



Fire Up Ladies! Getting ready for a big inning against Fergus Falls the Packers prepare at the mound.

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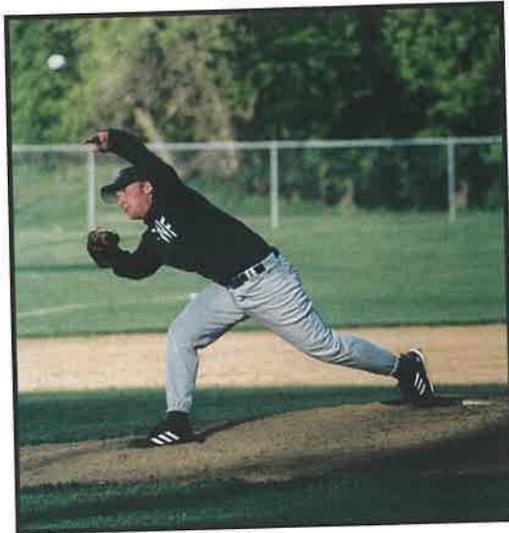
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Opponent	Us	Them		
GF Red River	15	5	Ada	10 0
GF Central	19	0	Warroad	6 1
Stanley	11	1	Sacred Heart	5 2
Thief River Falls	3	1	Stanley	21 2
Moorhead	11	0	Roseau	10 5
Fargo South	14	2	Warroad	5 4
Fergus Falls	9	6	Fargo North	14 1
Brainerd	11	7	GF Red River	2 3
Bemidji	1	2	Fargo South	2 3
Fargo North	12	1	State Tournament	
Fergus Falls	9	6	Fargo South	14 1
GF Central	15	4	GF Red River	6 1
			GF Red River	7 0

Baseball Starts Fresh

New Beginning for Team This Season

by Jerod Heitkamp
Staff Writer



Here comes the curveball... Delivering a pitch at a home game, senior Matt Kratcha keeps his eye on the catcher's glove.

West Fargo Baseball had a fresh start this season under the leadership of a new coach. They found what they were looking for in former junior varsity coach, Mr. Brett Peterson.

Im happy Petey is our new coach because he worked with a lot of us on JV, everyone feels comfortable around him, senior Nick Kerbaugh said.

The Pack got off to a great start this season, winning their first four games. The team this year had one of the best lineups in the region and had a very deep pitching staff.

I think we have the best pitching rotation in the state because we have so many guys that can throw, senior pitcher Cory Markel said.

The Packer start was very impressive due to the fact that the team was

missing key players the first half of the season.

We had a lot of players out right away, but other guys stepped up to fill in the missing links, senior, center fielder Tyler Roehl said.

The baseball team had a number challenges to overcome during the season, but they seemed to work things out.

scoreboard

Opponents	Us	Them		
Fargo South	11	3	Stanley	3 12
Grand Forks Red River	7	6	Mandan	9 5
Stanley	4	5	Waconia	1 8
Devils Lake	5	2	Sioux Falls	11 9
Fargo North	3	9	Fargo South	13 7
Wahpeton	11	10	Jamestown	10 7
Fargo North	11	6		
Grand Forks Central	7	15	<u>EDC</u>	
Moorhead	3	4	Jamestown	3 5
Grand Rapids	5	6	Wahpeton	4 3
Fergus Falls	2	12	Grand Forks Red River	1 6



Swinging for the fence... Keeping his eye on the ball sophomore Alex Salquist goes for a base hit against Mandan.



Good Eye, Good Eye... Letting the outside pitch go by junior Scott Olson waits for a pitch he likes.

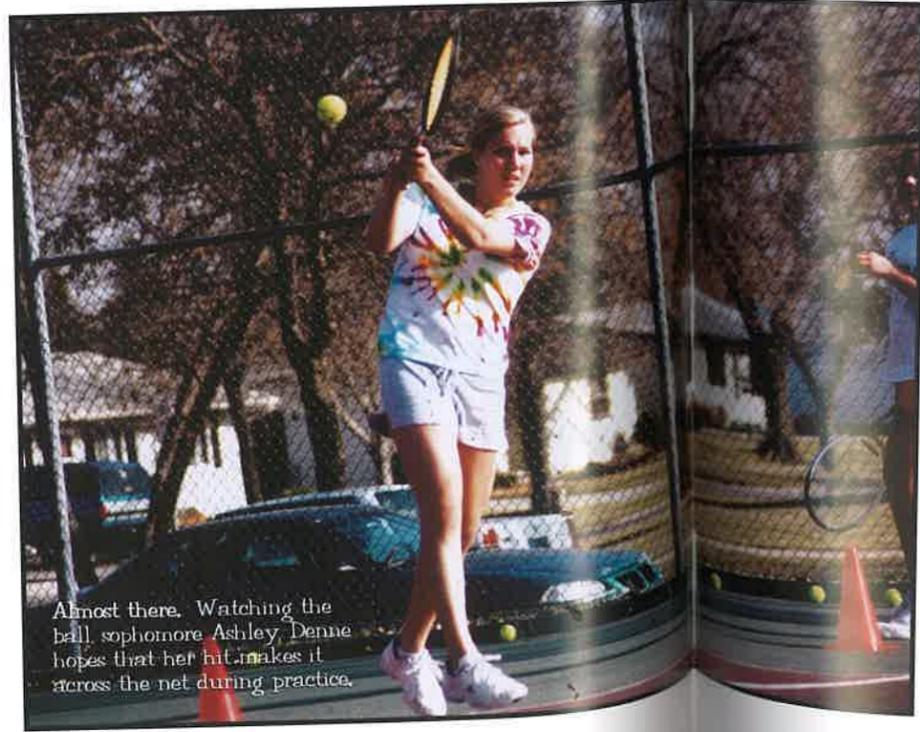


Baseball: Front Row: Travis Ulmer, Matt Johnson, Nick Kerbaugh, Logan Lunde, David Holland. Second Row: Travis Holmes, Matt Kratcha, Eric King, Jerod Heitkamp, Andrew Potter, Alex Salquist, Corey Markel. Back Row: Coach Trevor Kittelson, Jeremy Sheldon, Schuyler Lee, Brock Storrusten, Matt Anderson, Bryan Elstad, Tyler Roehl, Coach Brett Peterson.

Love-Love. Serving the ball sophomore Ashley Denne is hitting the ball during practice to warm up.



Girls Tennis. Front Row: Pam Soroba, Cassy Mozer, Elmedina Mesic, Sadie Dogit, Katie Kapel, Sarah Knous, Brandi Jaminson, Night Soroba, Whitney Hoovestol. 2nd Row: Amanda Danielson, Leah Grotjohn, Katie Nechiporenko, Kara Hadly, Kelly Koehmen, Toni Hader, Kelly Donlin, Kayla Margheim, Jessie John, Haley Johnston. Back Row: Chad Anderson, Kryshel Evans, Nevezeta Omanovic, Ashley Denne, Chantel Cummings, Laura Cronun, Adele Young, Elaine Burchill, Sean Bourke.



Almost there. Watching the ball, sophomore Ashley Denne hopes that her hit makes it across the net during practice.

Taking the Lead

Younger Players to Lead Upcoming Seasons

by Brianna Gebeke
Staff Writer

The Girls Tennis team, through hard work, dedication, and determination, had a very successful season. For the past two years, the team was composed of many young players. This year, those players returned and made this season the best yet. The West Fargo Girls Tennis team is making great strides of improvement.

We've already done better than last year and are making this season more successful than in the past, junior Kelly Donlin said, part way through the season.

Players like Donlin have been around for a long time. Donlin has played tennis since second grade and been a part of the West Fargo Tennis team since seventh grade. Teamates like Donlin is what makes West Fargo Girls Tennis a success, especially this season.

This year the team set goals that they worked on all season to meet. Through all of their hard work and dedication the team achieved most of the goals they created at the start of the season.

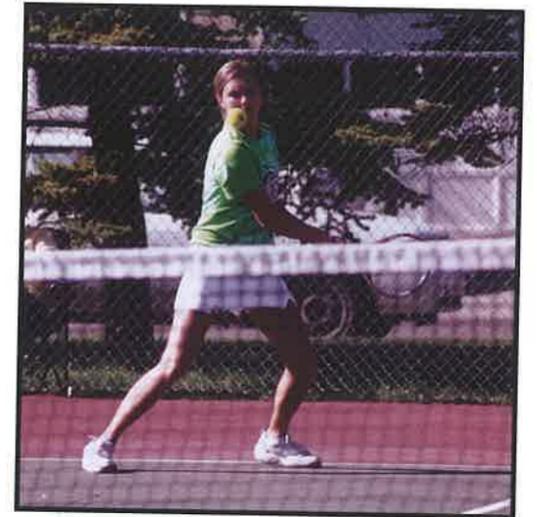
Our number one goal is to make it to state. That's what were all striving for, senior Toni Haider said in the middle of the tennis season.

Tennis is not just a physical game, but mental attitude is a big part, also.

Being very strong mentally in games is a big part to winning, as well as the physical factor, sophomore Laura Cronin said.

At E.D.C. this year individually Kelly Donlin and Kara Hadley qualified as the 6th place team for state in doubles.

Though tennis is a sport of hard work, memories formed will never be forgotten.



Are you ready? Preparing for the serve sophomore Kelly Conant smashes it over the net for an ace, as senior Toni Haider stands in ready position waiting for the ball to come back over.

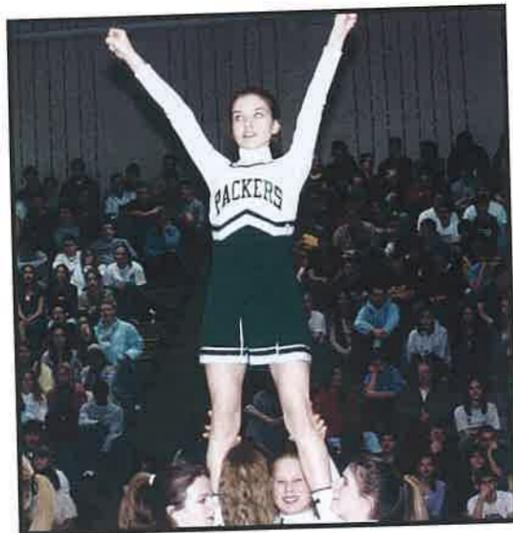
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Opponent	Us	Them		
Fargo North	5	4	Jamestown	5 4
Valley City	7	2	Stanley	2 7
Wahpeton	2	6		
Fargo South	1	8	E.D.C.	
Grand Forks Central	7	2	Fargo North	1 4
Grand Forks Red River	1	8	Fargo South	1 4

Leading School Spirit

Cheerleaders Improve During the Season

by Staci Monson
Staff Writer



Go Packers! While pumping up the school, freshman Starla Helmer is supported by team members.

Who is there when the team is down and the crowd needs motivation? The girls on the West Fargo cheerleading team are there. The cheerleaders pump up the crowd while spreading Packer pride.

The cheer team took a step up this year. The squad did well at the competitions they competed in and improved over last year. We did really well this year and have improved 100 percent, sophomore Robyn Stromberg said.

The majority of the cheer team was made up of underclassman, but the upperclassmen that were on the squad have done their part to lead the team. There was only one senior on the team that held the position of captain. I love being captain and

having the authority of being the oldest, senior Allison Nicholson said. Working hard and the leadership of a strong captain has guided the team to a new level. In the past year, the cheer team competed at local competitions and received top honors. It is really fun to show off all of our talent and hard work, junior Jamie Lund said.

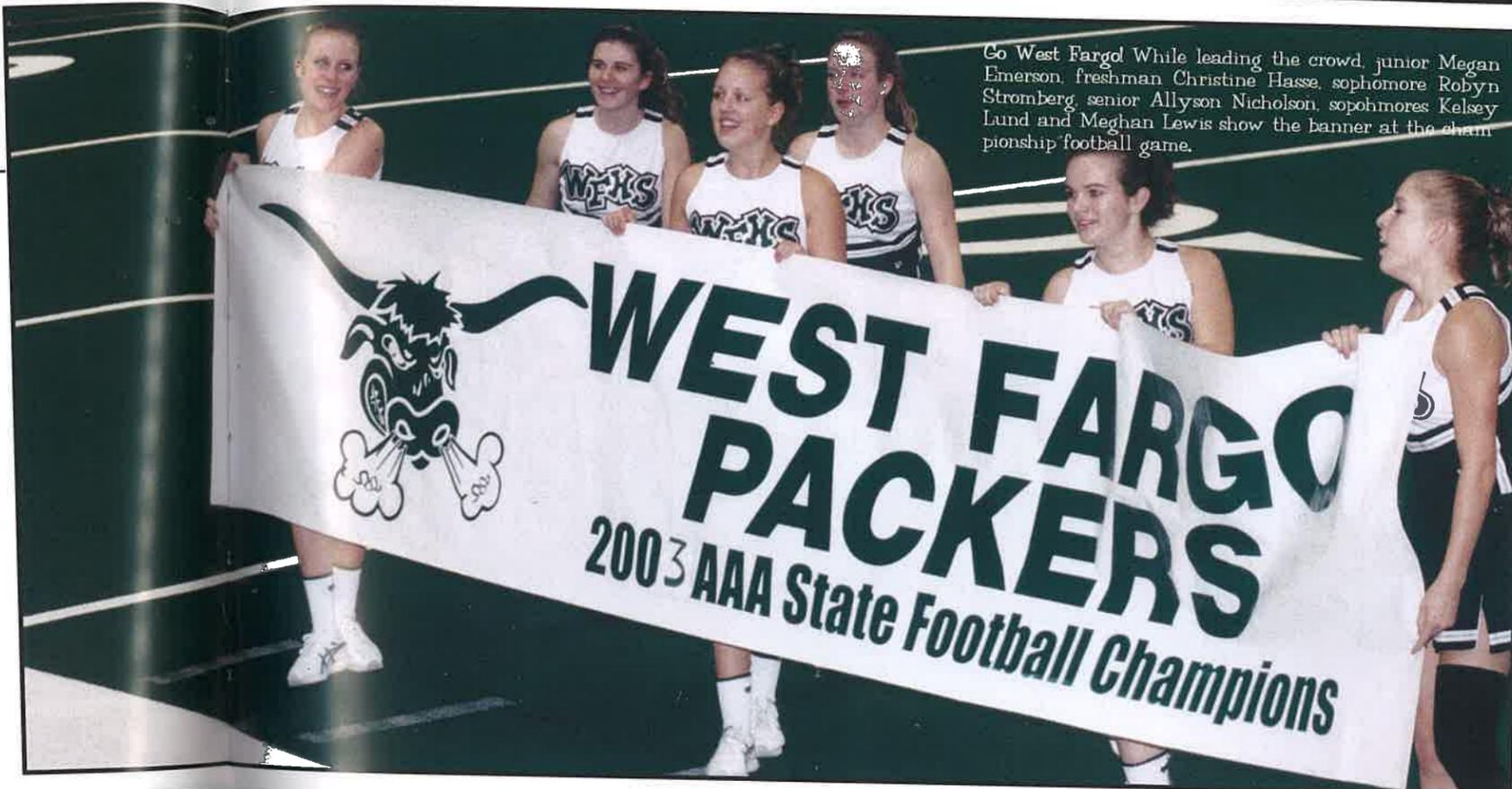
The Cheerleaders placed first at the NDSU Dance and Cheer competition and a strong fourth place at state. The cheer team has set a new standard for the squad. The cheerleaders can be found at everything from sporting events to pep rallies promoting Packer spirit.



Go, Fight, Win! While cheering at a pep rally sophomores Tracy Herk, Allyson Fleming, junior Jamie Lund, freshmen Amanda Mickelson, Starla Helmer, sophomores Kelsey Lund, Madalyn Moltzan, Meghan Lewis and senior Allison Nicholson perform their crowd pleasing routine.



Go West Fargo! While leading the crowd, junior Megan Emerson, freshman Christine Hasse, sophomore Robyn Stromberg, senior Allyson Nicholson, sophomores Kelsey Lund and Meghan Lewis show the banner at the championship football game.



Cheerleading 'Back': Madalyn Moltzan, Jamie Lund, Amanda Mickelson, Robyn Stromberg, Amanda Ruud, Tracy Herk, Middle: Alisia Thomas, Megan Emerson, Starla Helmer, Meghan Lewis, Allison Nicholson, Front: Allyson Fleming, Kelsey Lund, Christine Hasse, Jennifer Usgaard.

What color should I use? While working on posters during practice to hang in the commons, senior Allison Nicholson decides what to do next.

Dancing Queens! The Packatahnas perform their Elton John pom routine at halftime during a basketball game and receive approval from their home crowd.



Packatahnas: Front Row: Nanda Hart, Katie Becker, Karissa Beckius, Richelle Schnepf, Anna Kiefer, Jessie Mattern, Jenna Ludwig, Elizabeth Meyer. 2nd Row: Katie Schmidt, Shai Boe, Erikka Nolan, Amanda Lenzmeier, Cassandra Erickson, Staci Monson, Kara Dahley. 3rd Row: Megan Wigglesworth, Sarah Schmidt, RaKay Reyes, Aimee McEwen, Anna Driscoll, Whitney Althoff, Shanna Vetter, Abby Monson. Back Row: Michelle Ristvedt, Angie Lund, Amy Carlson.

Having a Good Time... Kicking with attitude, seniors Liz Meyer and Karissa Beckius are all smiles.



Packatahnas On Top Again

Dancers Continue Living W.F.H.S.'s Legacy

by Abby Monson

Staff Writer

It has been another successful year for the Packatahnas. The Packatahnas were seen almost everyday after school practicing for hours. The practices usually contained warm-up kicks. The routines were then drilled down, which included the coaches having a set number of mistakes the team could make. If the team exceeded the maximum number, the routine was done again. Drill downs can either be easy, drilling them once, or very hard, drilling them ten times, but they are very beneficial, sophomore Whitney Althoff said.

The 2003-2004 team consisted of 23 dancers and three coaches. The coaches were Mrs. Angie Lund, Mrs. Michelle Ristvedt and Mrs. Amy Carlson. These three coaches resigned at the end of the season, but made sure to end with an unforgettable year.

The beginning competitions were spent battling for first with the Bismarck Demonettes.

It was always up and down with them. They would win one, and then we would, too. The most rewarding was winning first in kick and jazz at Bismarcks Invitational, though. That felt great, senior Jenna Ludwig said.

The Packatahnas finished out at state winning first in the pom and jazz division and second in the kick division by only three points. The team also won the Scholarship Award and the Spirit Award making it the most successful season in Packatahna history. We put in a lot of time and hard work to gain the state title, but in the end its worth it, junior Richelle Schnepf said.

The Packatahnas also went to Orlando, Florida, for nationals, taking fifth in kick, sixth in jazz and tenth in pom.

Overall, the Packatahnas had a very successful year. They were rewarded with not only trophies and medals, but also the great memories they shared together throughout the season.



On the Prowl! Performing at a West Fargo basketball game, senior Jenna Ludwig and junior Katie Schmidt dance their way to a great performance preparing them for the state dance competition.

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Event	Performance	Place			
Regionals	Kick	1st	Nationals	Kick	5th
State	Kick	2nd		Pom	10th
	Pom	1st		Jazz	6th
	Jazz	1st			

Making The Difference

Student Trainers Work Behind Scenes

by Todd Volk

Assistant Editor



The piece goes here. Demonstrating how to tape a sore shoulder, senior trainer Katie Hawley and sophomore Marissa Roehl practice before football.

Working behind the scenes in basketball, football, track and more, a great trainer can make all the difference between sitting out an extra game due to an injury or getting back out there and scoring the winning goal for the team. This is just one reason why junior Kristina Cumber enjoys working with athletes. I enjoy being a trainer because you get to work one on one with the athlete, Cumber said.

There are many West Fargo trainers that work throughout the school year for many sports, donating their time and skills to help athletes perform to their best ability. Being a trainer is a great way to become actively involved with high school athletics, junior Emily Silbernagel said.

Many athletes never have to see a trainer about a sprained ankle or a pulled muscle, but when it happens, athletes know all too

well how a trainer can fix and help problems that come up throughout a season. Becoming a trainer is a great idea. It is great way that you can really help an athlete perform to their best ability, junior Paula Sebelius said.

Whether it is filling the whirlpool with ice and water, wrapping an ankle or stretching out a sore muscle, a great trainer can make all the difference between coming in first at state or having an injury-filled season. Trainers work behind the scenes and overall are a great asset to all sporting activities.



This should last through practice. Taping an ankle before basketball practice, junior Jenny Olson helps heel a sore ankle.



Soccer is a rough sport. Padding tape around a sore ankle, junior Paula Sebelius gets her patient ready for practice.



The line of help. During a rough week of girls soccer and track, junior trainers Kristina Cumber and Paula Sebelius keep busy by helping out their peers.



Trainers. Front Row: Jenny Olson, Emily Silbernagel, Sarah Tintes, Paula Sebelius, Kristina Cumber, Sarah Savageau. Back Row: Katie Hawley, Ali Schweitzer, Luke Baldwin, Katie Scully, Marissa Roehl.

I get by with a little help from my friends. Helping the team any way possible, junior trainer Katie Scully fixes the helmet strap of senior football player Tyler Walker at the state championship game at the Fargodome.

Common Interests Shape Identity

by Kayla Mattson
Staff Writer

Identity can be best described as a fact or condition of being exactly alike. With this in mind, it is safe to say that organizations give a select group of people their identity.

At WFHS there are many organizations to help express identity. The opportunities are endless when choosing to participate in an organization.

Being involved in organizations gives students a common interest and can be very challenging at times. All organizations give participants the identity of being able to work together. Although no two identities are alike, organizations bring people with similar interests together making for a very fun and interesting year.



1. Another fall day. While picking up leaves for NHS, senior Sierra Kraft catches a few leaves. 2. What are you trying to say? With a stunned look on her face, junior Sam Schmidt receives a message from senior Jake Murray during *A Piece of Rope*. 3. Making accurate marks. While working on a Science Olympiad project, freshman Bruce Erdman works on accurate measures for their experiment. 4. Keep the beat. During jazz band, trumpet players sophomores Greg Gentzkow and Colin Guidinger and freshmen Matthew Ronning, Ryan Salter and Brian Schiller play for perfection.



Members Help Community

National Honor Society Reaches Out to Fargo-Moorhead

by Todd Volk
Assistant Editor

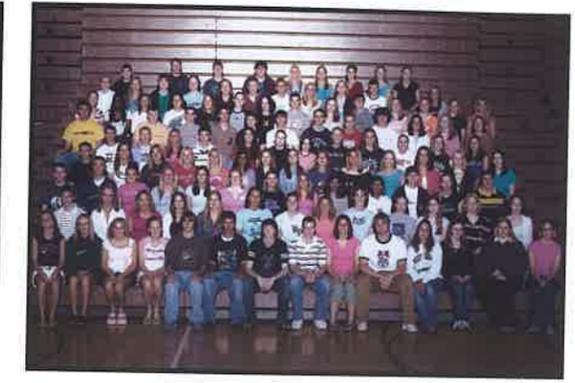
Many may wonder what does NHS stand for? NHS, which stands for National Honor Society consists of any high school student that has a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 and is willing to participate in extra-curricular activities throughout the school year. Junior Kristen Daum loves NHS, because it is a great way to become actively involved in community events, like DARE Role Models. It was a lot of fun because you are able to show children they can make their own choices and be their own person without other people influencing them, Daum said.

Raking leaves, organizing a dance, selling root beer floats, and helping with Big Brother and Big Sister programs were just a few things NHS members participated in throughout this school year. One activity NHS members participated in this year was raking leaves this past fall for less fortunate citizens in our community. Raking leaves is a great NHS activity because it feels good to benefit society and it is a great accomplishment, junior Sam Schmidt said.

If people are willing to put in a couple of extra hours outside of school, periodically, and like having fun with other students in your class then NHS is a great thing to become involved in. I think NHS is a very beneficial program because you get to help out the community and people of all ages, junior Nanda Hart said.

If NHS sounds like a fun and exciting atmosphere to be a part of, then see Mrs. Marti Simmons or Tom Rakoczy for an application to become the next NHS member inducted into the membership.

I see happiness and success in your future. Looking into a crystal ball, senior NHS member Stephanie Thomas peers into the future while entertaining students from around the community.



NHS: Front Row: Danielle Knoll, Brianne Gebeka, Jennifer Lundgren, Sally Lemke, Kyle Hager, Adam Bertek, Kyle Millar, Carter Woodley, Kim Lammers, Landon Johnson, Megan Winter, Melina Sales, Maria Walen, Kelli Dahlgren, Row 2: Jason Muller, Shelby Vigen, Tiffany Goldstone, Karissa Beckius, Andrea Flaten, Jen Sliper, Mandy Readel, Jennifer Grund, Kristen Daum, Cailin Bailey, Jasmin Jarocki, Samantha Lattimore, Evelyn Fuentes, Row 3: J.R. OHara, John Loberg, Marni Benson, Katie Hawley, Amber Lenzmeier, Jennifer Pederson, Katie Schmidt, Chelsea Lugert, Maham Fayyaz, Shazim Fayyaz, Brad Kvamme, Roberta Pytlik, Jon Dondoneau, Row 4: Mac Nygaard, Lindsay Stokes, Kelly Donlin, Nichole Rheault, Ericka Knoll, Nanda Hart, Greta Wagendorf, Samantha Schmidt, Sarah Rebenitsch, Alyson Archibald, Tessie Jones, Anna Driscoll, Emily Silbernagel, Heather Johnson, Row 5: Nick Pavsek, Chad Byklum, Mariaha Lyons, Jared Diamert, Calais Harmon, Tracy Hill, Mallory Shirley, Nicole Holm, Katie Nechiporenko, Megan Emerson, Kristina Cumber, Alexa Lundquist, Row 6: Scott Johnson, Josh Nelson, Lee Ryan, Justin Shulz, Luke Baldwin, Dave Holland, Billy Longmire, Anthony Larson, Nathan Boll, Teri Prashek, Angie Woodbury, Erica Rebenitsch, Row 7: Danika Vigessaa, Karen Okigbo, Bridgette Myers, Amy Messner, Emily Herman, Val Schultz, Emily Hill, Karl Saxowsky, Sierra Kraft, Jordan Volk, Allison Nicholson, Charlie Brekke, Ashley Rheault, Rochell Kirchoffner, Row 8: Courtney Benjamin, Amanda Ruud, Jena Smedshammer, Katie Paczkowski, Jessica Mammenga, Cody Symanietz, Creighton Brown, Amanda Lee, Kayla Kraft, Peter Wiederholt, Back Row: Josh Morman, Dan Dardis, Jonathan Kuik, Alex Sheehan, Brittany Stargardt, Katie Becker, Sarah Christianson, Shai Boe, Rachel Koehnen, Stephanie Thomas.

This is the life. Taking a break from raking leaves, junior Tessie Jones and senior Emily Hill play around.

Hopefully my hair will not fall into that. Taking the oath of initiation sophmores Ashley Walker, Elizabeth Volk, Brynna Trowbridge, Alexa Trauger, Thor Thompson, Ben Teets, and Robin Stromburg are almost official NHS members.

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Taking Choir Seriously

Is Choir Taken For Granted By Students

by Krista Jones

Staff Writer

Students may think choir is a slack class and an easy credit. However, choir is much more than some people think.

You have to know how to read music, or you'll get really lost. It takes concentration to focus on your part, instead of getting confused with all the other parts, sophomore Ashly Cofell said.

At West Fargo High School, there are a lot of opportunities for people in choir to be involved in.

If you are in choir you can try out for All-state Choir, where students are selected from schools all around North Dakota to get together as a big group and sing. There is also Madrigals, Choir Director Mr. Jeff Mueller said.

There are three choirs all together, with about 125 students involved. There are 50 students in Concert Choir, which has males and females, and there are 25 students in Chamber Choir, which has only females. Both choirs consist of 10th through 12th graders. There is also Varsity Choir, which only freshmen participate in. There are 50 students involved in Varsity Choir.

Mueller directs the Chamber and Concert choirs, and Choir Director Sue Jordahl directs Varsity Choir.

There are many activities in choir that help students go through a school day much easier.

Choir gives me a way to let a few emotions fly through a few pieces of music a day. Also the other people in choir are very nice people, senior T.J. Medrud said.

There are many reasons why choir is important to have in some students' lives. These are just a few.

Chamber Choir Front row: Miranda Liebenow, Amber Sturre, Kaylee Harles, Robyn Stromberg, Casey Dean,

Tiffany Severson, 2nd row: Abigail Clark, Susie Al-Kayali, Tali Dumdai, Brenda Francis, Hilary Brasel, Courtney Carlisle, 3rd row: Alyssa Hegvick, Ingrid Scantlebury, Ashly Cofell, Thea Nelson, Mallory Hayes, Mr. Jeff Mueller, Back row: Amanda Kerkvliet, Aimee McEwen, Kristen Lehfeldt, Hayley Knutson, Ashley Roquette, Chelsie Peters.



Jingle Bells! While singing Christmas songs for the winter choir concert in the theater, the Chamber Choir looks very sure of themselves.

Practice makes perfect! Anxiously excited, the Concert Choir sings in a circle to listen to all the different melodies in the choir room during class.

Concert Choir Front row: Missy Schiller, Lisa Moser, Leah Grotjohn, Lisanne Saunders, Laura Meert, Alissa Johnson, Katie Schmidt, Danika Vigesa, Emily Hill, Kellynn Fosse, Rochell Kirchoffner, Ashley Novacek, Cailin Bailey, 2nd row: Allison Neumiller, Roberta Pytlik, Anna Driscoll, Samantha Schmidt, Jenna Barenthsen, Katie Peterson, Angie Peterson, Angie Hunt

Sarah Bryan, Jessica Hajek, Tessie Jones, Kryshel Evans, Jill Emery, 3rd row: Mr. Jeff Mueller, Ben Brown, Nick Mitchell, Mathieu Ross, Shane Bauer, Eric Jorgenson, Derek Harsche, Aaron Dobmeier, Back row: Brian Havelange, Eric Maas, Casey Gilbertson, Loren Dickens, Alex Kelly, Brad Kvamme, Justin Schulz, Jacob Murray, Shane Iljana.

Instruments Making Music

Being heard through a different voice

by Tami Lipp
People Editor

Band (according to *Webster's New World Dictionary*): A group of musicians playing together, especially upon wind and percussion instruments.

There are three band classes and two different teachers at the high school. First there is the Varsity Band for the ninth graders, and it is instructed by Mrs. Susan Jordahl. Then there are the Concert and Symphonic bands which include the 10-12 graders, and are instructed by Mr. Mark Berntson. Students must audition to see if they are in Concert or Symphonic Band.

The Symphonic Band is the band that is more advanced. This band is also the marching band for Homecoming and the West Fest parade.

Marching band and pep band are two of the more fun things that we do in band, senior Kathy Brager said.

Pep band consists of both the Concert and Symphonic bands. Pep Band is the band people can find playing at most of the home games for football, basketball and occasionally hockey. They also play at the pep rallies.

The students who take band enjoy the class.

I enjoy band because it allows you to express yourself through your music, junior Sasha Hand said.

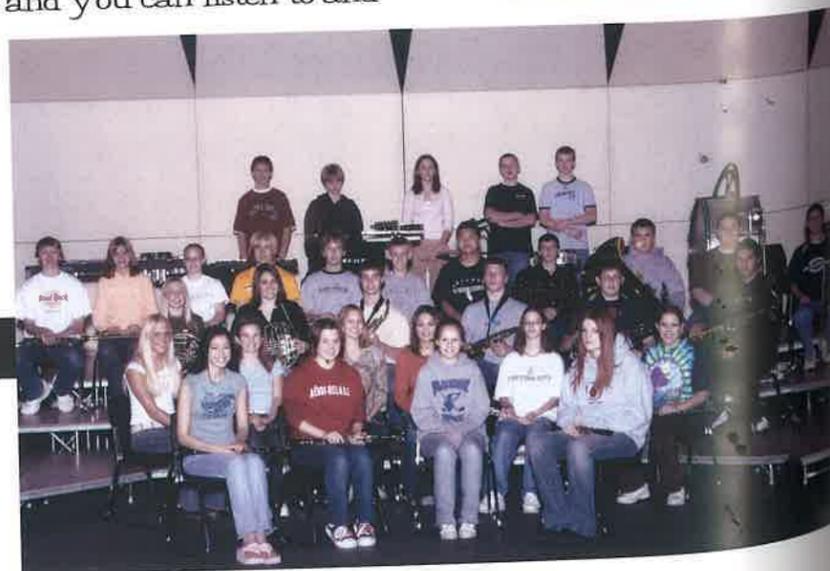
Others enjoy band for different reasons.

Band is a lot of fun because it is a break from the usual note taking in almost every class, and you can listen to and play music, senior Megan Aamot said.



Can we play yet? Studying their music before they play, sophomores Elizabeth Pederson and Kerri Houle await for the direction to start to play.

Is this song almost over? Concentrating on the notes, sophomore Jessica Erickson plays her clarinet during band.



Concert Band: Front Row: Samantha Beets, Molly Siegert, Greta Wagendorf, Elizabeth Feeley. 2nd Row: Janessa Olson, Kelsey Lund, Ariel McGinnity, Melissa Gienger, Jessi Schufletowski, Jessica Johnson. 3rd Row: Eliza-

beth Pederson, Kerri Houle, Nathan Funk, Ryan Kostelecky, Dan Koetz, John Ockert. 4th Row: Colin Guidinger, Kayla Greseth, Ashley Lettenmaier, Josh Wolff, Dave Monson, Dan Savage, Ellis Eid, Tyler Bruun, Travis Sanderson, Brett Anderson, Brandon Reber. Back Row: Tyler Lewin, Bobbi Pearson, Whitney Reyerson, Danielle Koesterman, Lane Lunde.

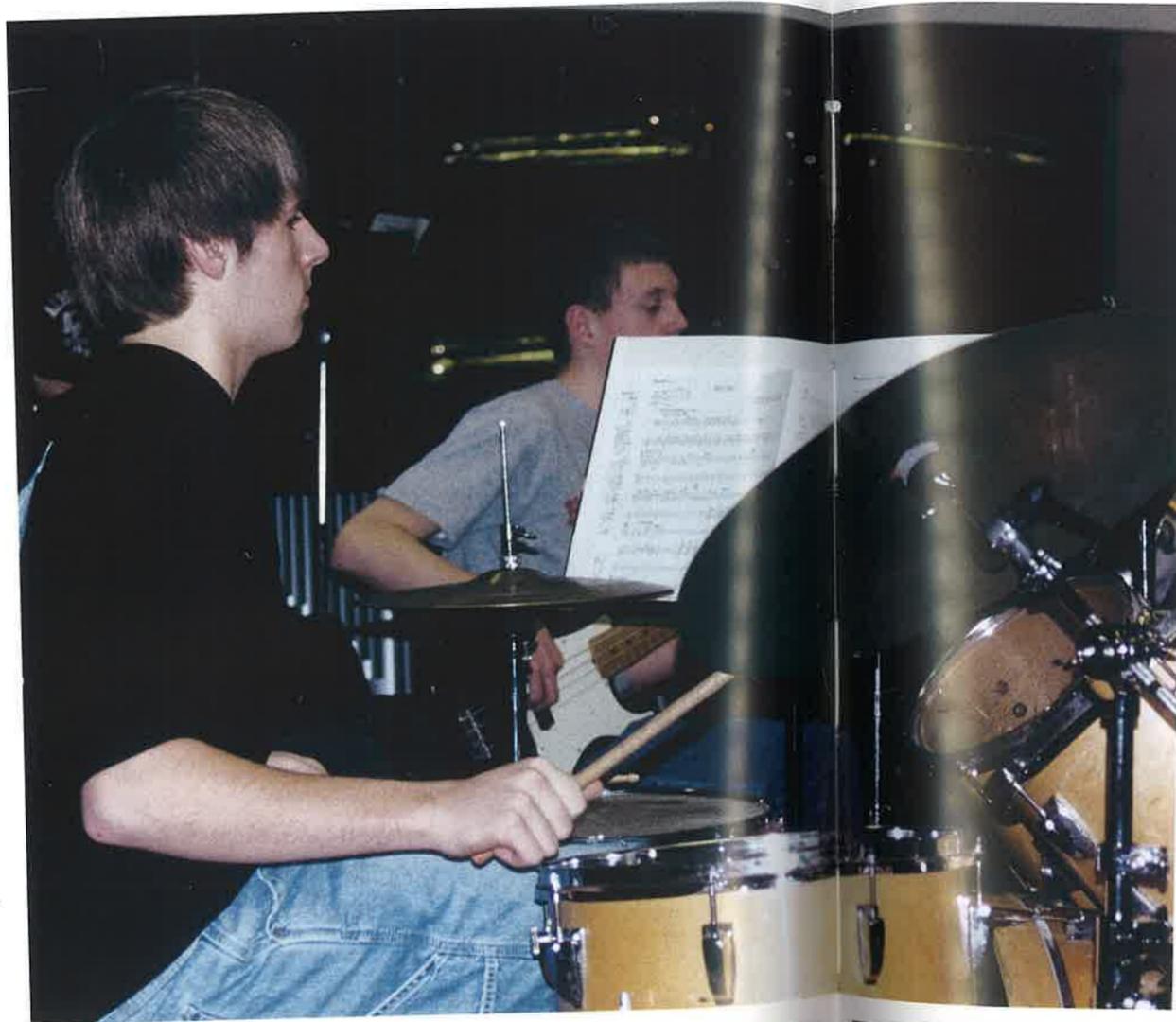


Symphonic Band: Front Row: Emily Hill, Valerie Schultz, Jessica Mammenga, Carlie Brekke, Amanda Lee. 2nd Row: Kelli Dahlgren, Stephanie Thomas, Sierra Kraft, Ashley Denne, Katie Paczkowski, Megan Aamot, Rochell Kirchoffner, Allison Nicholson, Amy Elledge, Jannel Barnes, Kayla Anderson. 3rd Row: Amanda Ruud, Sasha Hand, Shai Boe, Kayla Kraft, Mallory Suchy, Alex Sheehan, Ashley Rheault, Kathy

Brager, Brandi Jamison, Elizabeth Hiedeman. 4th Row: Karl Saxowsky, T. J. Medrud, Bobby John, Emily Herman, Lindsey Volker, Michael Deyle, Laura Cronin, Greg Gentzkow, Cody Symanietz, Tracy Olson, Alex Parkhouse, Cortney Benjamin, Johnathan Kuik. Back Row: Peter Wiederholt, Danielle Koesterman, Creighton Brown, Amy Messner, Jordan Volk.



Do Re Mi...Before school in the choir room, seniors Jake Murray and Shane Bauer sing a merry melody during Madrigals practice. Practice starts as early as 7:30 for this group, so they must become morning people.



Ba Da BOOM! Jazz is all about rhythm. Focusing on his sheet music, senior Jordan Volk sticks to the beat on his trap set before school during Jazz Band Practice. Hey, practice DOES make perfect!



'Tis The Season! It takes spirit to excell in Madrigals. Clearly junior Anna Driscoll, Mr. Jeff Mueller, junior Angela Hunt senior Sarah Bryan, junior Eric Maas, senior Jena Barentsen, junior Danika Vigasaa, senior Shane Bauer and senior Jake Murray have their fair share of it singing their hearts out at the Madrigals Christmas concert.



Concentrate...CONCENTRATE...Before school in Jazz Ensemble, freshman Brandon Lisburg and sophomore Laura Cronin demonstrate their dedication to practice on thier trumpets.

Making Music With Style

Small Groups Go Above, Beyond

by Megan Lisburg
Staff Writer

What do jazz, music festivals and the Renaissance have in common? Students can take an active part in music in all these areas when they join one of WFHSs three small music groups.

Jazz Ensemble is an elite group of musicians who come together for one purpose: jazz. In this group, students led by Mr. Mark Bernston learn jazz pieces, which they play before audiences at music festivals. The students join others from around the tristate area to play their music. Professional musicians appraise their style, technique and sound. Junior Sasha Hand has been a part of the group for two years. 'Its a fun and challenging experience, and I really enjoy meeting new people and playing at the music festivals,' Hand said.

Every student in Jazz Ensemble seems to share Hand's opinion about the group. 'I like the music festivals,' freshman Brandon Lisburg said.

Jazz Band, directed by Mrs. Sue Jordahl, is very similar to Jazz Ensemble. The only difference is that students have to try out to get into Jazz Ensemble, while anyone can join the fun in Jazz Band. 'I like Jazz Band because students are allowed more freedom in producing the music,' Jordahl said.

Madrigal Singers meets before school and are led by Mr. Jeff Mueller. This choir learns pieces that might have been heard during the Renaissance, which is this groups orientation.

The pieces are normally more complicated than those sung in regular choir.

For students who love music and good times, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Band or Madrigals might be a good thing to get into.

Making Beautiful Music

Strings That Go 000

by Jennifer Grund
Staff Writer

There are many different hobbies within the students at West Fargo. Some enjoy being active and others enjoy being musicians. The orchestra group is very enthusiastic about music, and love to play and listen to all types. Orchestra is a step different than band. It consists of all string instruments instead of horns and percussion. These students are interested in learning more about music and being able to perform many different pieces.

Students play for different reasons. 'I am in orchestra because I love to play and see that our hard work pays off to make a great concert,' sophomore Elyse Porter said.

Orchestra not only plays in their concerts, but they also play during the drama plays that our school puts on. They do not get much credit for playing the music for drama but it does not matter for most. The satisfaction of doing what they love is good enough for them.

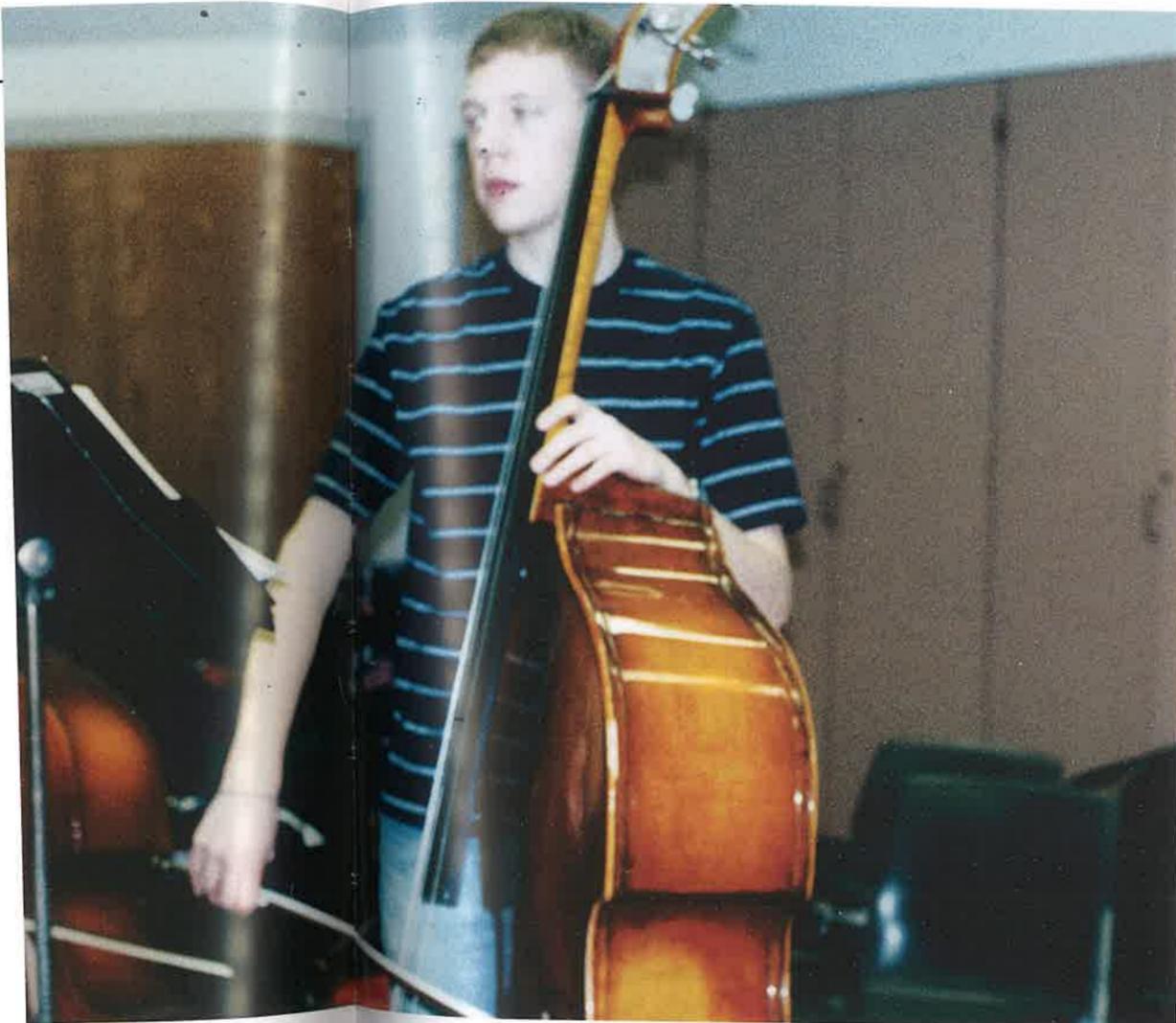
'Orchestra can be a lot of work, but it is so much fun,' senior Dacia Sampers said.

In orchestra, they study the history of music just like someone would in an english or history class. As suprising as it may seem, it actually is challenging.

'People should join orchestra if they enjoy any kind of music because you still get to study different music,' junior Sarah Tintes said.

While orchestra is a fun experience, it has also proved to be a challenge for both the muscians invovled and the instructor. But it is all worth it. Orchestra's goal will be to continue to grow, and be successful in the years to come.

When is it going to be my turn? In Orchestra, junior Anna Driscoll waits for her turn to play her violin.



Orchestra: Front Row: Alissa Johnson, Elyse Porter, Dacia Sampers, Madeline Bailey, Cody Symanietz, Cailin Bailey, Elizabeth Pederson, Tim Stulken, Brandon Teets, Cody Nelson. 2nd Row: Angela Jasken, Casey Paisley, Kelsey Johnson, Steffen Falde, Erika Boser, Cassey Nelson, Sadie Olson, Jessica Lambertz. 3rd Row: Evelyn Fuentes, Kelli Dahlgren, Alicia Rohr, Paul Neary, Anna Driscoll, Chantel Cummings, Alison Zinck, Becca Hansen, Megan Byzewski. Back Row: Savannah Erstad, Danielle Lambertz, Lacey Finnell, Tyler Greshik, Sara Spothun, Joe Connor, Leah Schmidt, Briar Koenig.

This is fun! While concentrating in Orchestra, senior Cody Symanietz works hard while playing the bass.



I hope I hit all the right notes! In orchestra, senior Kelsey Johnson and junior Angela Jasken work together while playing the violin.

VICA: Skills for Life

Students Gain Knowledge for Later in Life

by Kelsie Kinsella
Staff Writer

The smell of exhaust and gas fills the room and the sounds of hammers coming from outside are commonly heard throughout the school. One word, VICA, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, in which they build and fix a variety of things, is responsible. The nationwide competition has been going on for awhile now, and the interest has increased through the years. More and more students have developed such interest since demand for this line of work has increased over the years. Building trades is a fun learning experience. It teaches students basic skills for building a house, senior Kelsie Selisker said.

The main purpose of VICA is to positively affect each student's life to help them later on. With opportunities abroad, the program enhances the student's understanding of the vocational industries. The skills taught in these classes help attribute to the jobs students may be looking into after high school or going into for college. Vocational classes are helpful because they teach you skills you will use later in life. It is a more hands-on experience, junior John Effinger said.

VICA usually meets at night for some fun activities. Altogether, students gain the knowledge of construction and developing new friendships. Having fun and learning at the same time did not seem possible until this organization. It is a relaxed atmosphere. I like the hands-on experience, senior Missy Bjorland said.

VICA serves as a well planned out program and class to assist students in deciding if they would like to go into such line of work after high school or continue learning in college. The next few years it seems VICA will continue to grow. VICA is a fun and knowledgeable class in which hands on experience is a major factor.



Front Row: Mr. Jerry Nordstrom, Joseph Lauth, Robert Ramberg, Rob Moore, Justin Krause, Preston Flaten, Jarred LaDouceur, Thomas Enlow, David Rankin, Cody Waliser, MacKinsey Nygaard, Johnathan Effinger, Mr. Bob Bjornson. 2nd Row: Christopher Borah, Christopher Tande, Tyler Spiekermeier, Toreen Mohs, Ryan Tandeski. 3rd Row: Cody Wateland, Matthew Anderson, Carter Woodley, Nolan Collins, Zachary Strand, Michael Jore, Jonathan Adams, James O Hara, Cole McIntyre, Kirk Jensen. 4th Row: David Sapp, Kyle Ekstrom, Derek Anderson, Ryan Vangerud, Kelsie Selisker, Matt Staska, Brant Weller, Zach Horn, Rachel Koehnen, Justin Rud, Matt Benson. 5th Row: Ross Romdahlvik, Chad Byklum, Michelle Miller, Cody Kelly, Brady Splettstaser, Micheal Dahley. 6th Row: Benjamin Pankow, Jeremy Nelson, Crystal Waxler, Chelsia Coleman, Elizabeth Bjorland, Brandon Sola, Aaron Wagner, Bryan Elstad, Jeffrey Sinner, Shawn Cummings. Last Row: Scott Flaagan, Nick Close, Luther Brown, Erika Hochgraber, Julie Lehmann, AunaLaye Beckley, Tony Stoltman, Jeffrey Dauer, Christopher Jacob, Bruce Lehmann

Click! Trying to figure out what is wrong, senior Gabe Eberhardt and Travis Ulmer work out the kinks during Recreational Engines class.



Just Keep Working! While rebuilding the engine, junior Joe Allmaras works hard during Recreational Engines class.



HUM! While concentrating on making sure it is lined up, junior Jason Mueller cuts the piece of wood for Building Trades class.

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Student Council Helps School

Getting Voices Heard While Having Fun

by *Ericka Knoll*

Staff Writer

What do having fun, making decisions and holding a substantial leadership position at West Fargo High School have in common?

These are many of the things Student Council takes part in.

Student Council is made up of students who strive to better West Fargo High School while having fun at the same time.

It is an organization to meet people and help our school at the same time, junior Luke Baldwin said.

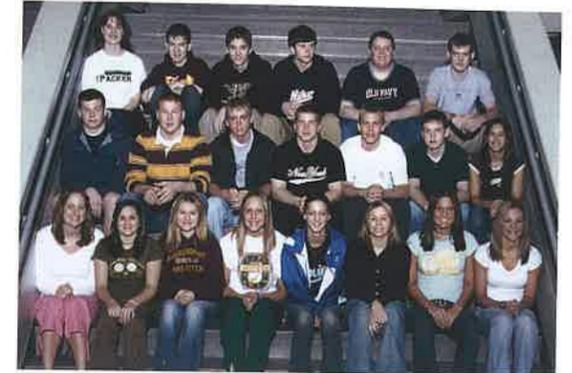
Student Council is not just for anybody. To get elected for Student Council, you have to submit an essay to the office and then campaign to get elected in the spring of the year, freshman Sarah English said.

After being elected, members are involved in many activities, a favorite being state Student Council. State Student Council is held once a year usually in Bismarck, where Student Council members gather from all over North Dakota and learn ways to help their school.

At state you learn new ways to broadcast students ideas and get their voice heard, while having fun at the same time, freshman Joe Connor said.

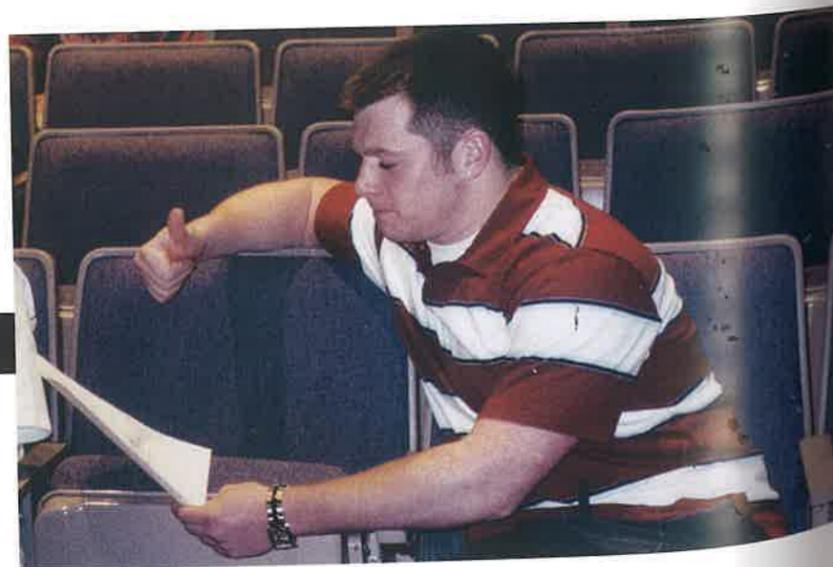
While still having fun, Student Council does manage to get things done. Members enjoy getting together once every two weeks. Mrs. Olson and Mr. Grooters are there to control meetings, Connor said. Student Council is very important to the school.

Student Council members lead the student body, get the schools voice heard, and do this all while having fun.



Student Council: Front Row: Lindsey Elles, Amanda McDonald, Trisha McDonald, Kristin Hoy, Heidi Tobkin, Kelly Klaers, Amanda Drees, Brandy Bergh. Row 2: Tyler Roehl, Dan Dardis, Jerod Heitkamp, Alex Salquist, Bobby Brand, Luke Baldwin, Jenna Ludwig. Back Row: Kristen Daum, Joe Connor, Dan Bruns, Taylor Moch, Brett Anderson, Jason Carrievau

And the winners are... During Homecoming Week, junior Luke Baldwin announces the homecoming court before school in the commons.



Sounds good to me... In the auditorium, senior Tyler Roehl gives the thumbs up while discussing the issues during 2nd hour at a Student Council meeting.



Smile for the camera! Early in the morning on the bus ride before state, sophomores Trisha McDonald, Lindsey Elles and Leslie Pladson, as well as junior Amanda Drees, freshman Amanda McDonald and senior Kelly Klaers enjoy the ride to Bismarck.

Art in Different Forms

Creating new artists everyday

by Trisha Howitz

Staff Writer

For many, art is just an elective class to fill up a school schedule. For others, art is a hobby. People that like it a lot or just want a club to be in to meet new people can join Art Club. Art Club is a social group that meets two to three times a month. At the meetings they go over a variety of ideas followed by free time to work on any art or ceramics from class.

Art Club is a great way for students to meet other students.

Art Club is a good way to get kids to socialize, adviser Mr. Larry Anderson said.

The students in Art Club are involved in many different activities. One activity is art night, where members can work on their artwork from class. More activities involve parties, designing the artwork for the school plays, putting together the display cases in the halls, decorating the office for the holidays and field trips to colleges and museums.

Most of the students joined for different reasons.

I joined Art Club because I enjoy art, and I thought it would be fun, senior Steph Thomas said.

Also, one of the other activities the students can be involved with is the area high schools art show at West Acres, which showcases art students artwork. At these art shows students put there artwork on display for anyone to look at while passing by.

I really enjoy helping at the art show at the mall because its fun to look at different schools artwork, senior Lindsey Bellmore said.

While some art club members joined for fun, others joined for different reasons.

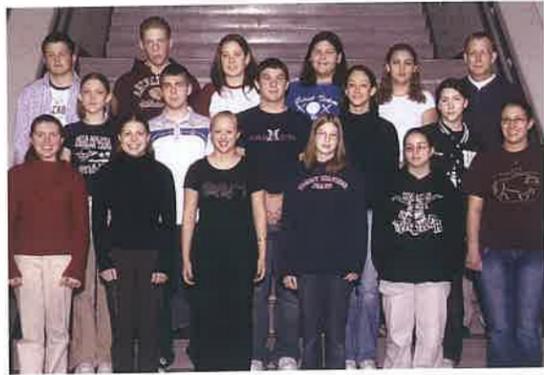
I joined Art Club not because I like it, but because it will look good on my college application senior Adam Henry said.

Also to raise money the Art Club sells a wide variety of candy. Anytime during the day students can go down and buy candy to support Art Club. The candy selling raises money for the Art Club members to

attend art shows, museums, and to colleges.

Some people might overlook Art Club, but some enjoy it. So if you are looking for a place to find new friends, work on art homework, go on field trips and participate in many parties and fun activities, Art Club is the place to be to push forward your art career.

This is fun! While concentrating hard, freshman Brenna Ashburn writes down some ideas at an Art Club meeting.



Art Club: Front Row: Andrea Samsten, Kelsey Johnson, Maria Hersch, Chelsea Henderson, Michelle Harviell, Jennifer Sliper, 2nd Row: Julia Whittle, Timothy Engelking, Andy Hagel, Stephanie Thomas, Megan Lisburg, Back Row: Adam Henry, Cory Syverson, Lindsey Bellmore, Brenna Ashburn, Whitney Fontes, Mr. Larry Anderson.



Bang Bang Bang! While getting ready to throw some clay onto the wedging table, Seniors Kelsey Johnson and Lindsey Bellmore talk about the ceramics project they are about to build.

Playing with clay is awesome! While carving into some clay, sophomore Michelle Harviell works on a ceramics project at an Art Club work night.

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Students Take Charge

Successive Year for DECA Members

by Krista Jones
Staff Writer

DECA offers leadership and training opportunities for students who are juniors and seniors. It is an association made to help students learn about the marketing industry. Students who are in marketing classes run the Packer Connection, and are strongly encouraged to be in DECA.

This year DECA nationals were held in Nashville, TN. Senior Jill Springer and Jen Pederson and juniors Luke Baldwin and Bill Behrmann were chosen to compete on May 1-5.

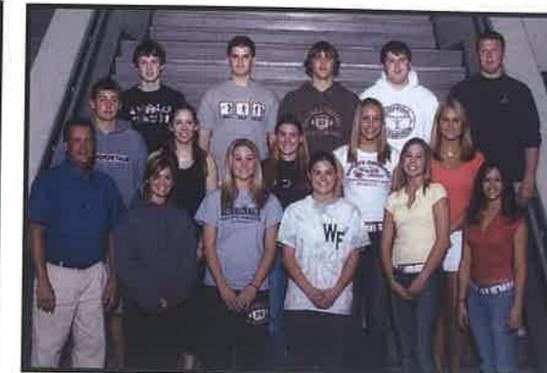
DECA is not all about competitions; it is also about learning things like business service marketing or advertising and learning about customer service.

I like learning all the different industries you get to go into. There are so many options to choose from, senior Matt Western said.

The adviser for DECA is Mr. Steve Anderson who likes to brag about his marketing students and their efforts to be successful in life. They're all hard workers. They are a great group of kids, and they will go far in life. DECA is just the start of that, Anderson said.

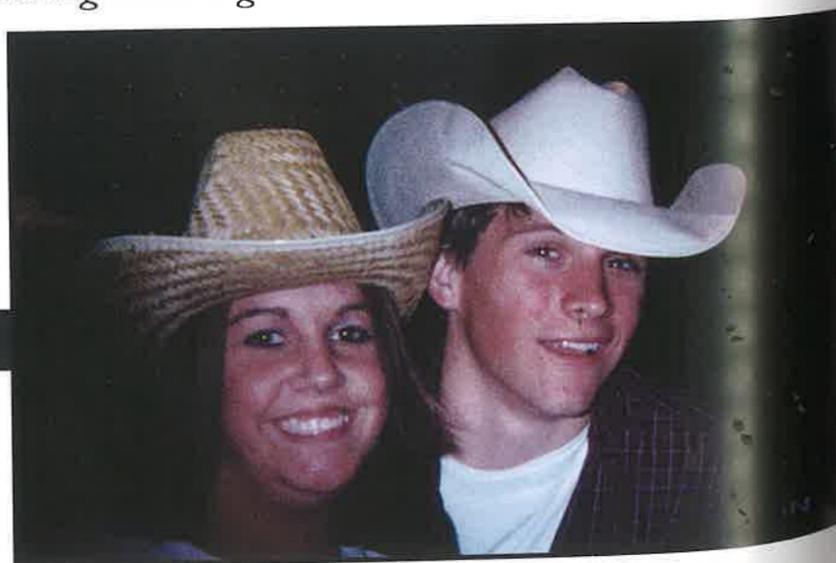
The students have as much respect for Anderson as he does for them. Mr. Anderson is always encouraging us to work harder at things, and his support and confidence in us really helps, Baldwin said.

Overall, DECA is helping all marketing students get closer to pursuing their careers. There are many contributors to this goal. Teamwork, competitions, the Packer Connection, the adviser and the students themselves are just a few of the things to help with each student's future.



DECA: Front Row: Josh Mormon, Liz Meyer, Jill Springer, Bill Behrmann, Nizama Omanovic, Nick Rosdahl. 2nd Row: Jen Lungren, Luke Baldwin, Jennifer Pederson, Alyssa Lester, Nikki Hoovestol. 3rd Row: Jen Sliper, Andrew Potter, Sid Iverson, Teresa Yanish, Lindsey Nowacki, Viet Li. Back Row: Tyler Walker, Austin Montgomery, Kirk Rienets, and Mr. Steve Anderson.

Clap your hands! Dancin' it up at the dance for DECA Nationals in Nashville, TN, junior Luke Baldwin seems to be having a great time.



Let's dance! At Nationals in Nashville, TN, junior Bill Behrmann met up with a fellow North Dakotan at the DECA dance.



Smile big! Showing their DECA spirit, seniors Jennifer Sliper, Jennifer Pederson, Jill Springer, Nikki Hoovestol and Alyssa Lester pose for the camera, in the Marketing room.

FCA Is Here To Stay

FCA Encourages Students with God's Word

by Jennifer Grund
Staff Writer

Fellowship of Christian Athletes set out this year to become more involved in other peoples lives, and to make a difference in what some may believe. The leaders this year were seniors Jennifer Sliper and Jennifer Grund and juniors Kelsey Peterson and Bill Behrmann. Mr. Dan Holder came into the group this year as the adviser for a more experienced outlook on Christianity and for guidance for the leaders.

Mr. Holder has given our organization more structure and has really made an impact on all of our lives with his teachings, Peterson said.

FCA believes that to make an impact in someones life spiritually, the people have to be willing to be open and willing to know God. This group of spiritual individuals is eager to learn more about God and about each other, as well.

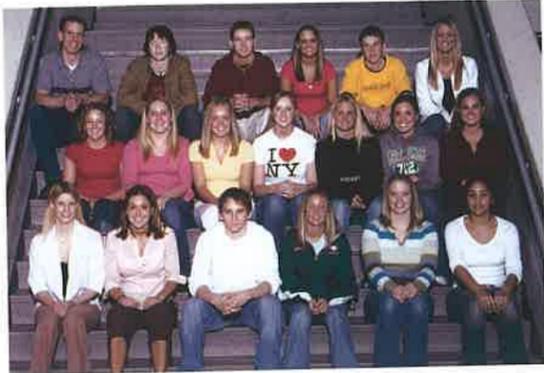
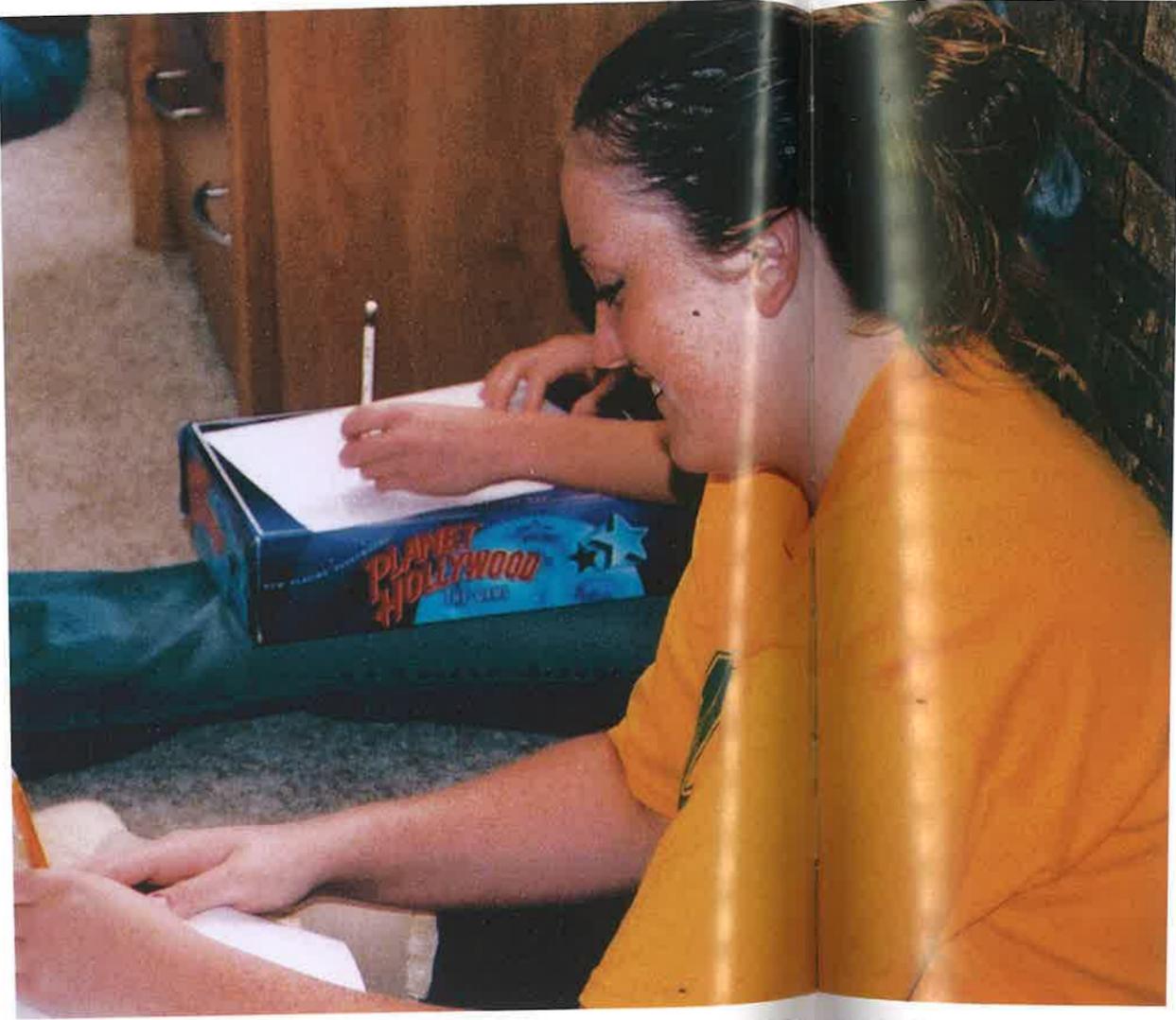
FCA has made a real difference in my life in knowing who I am and what my beliefs are, Sliper said.

Their meetings consist of sports announcements, games, a speaker or small group discussion, prayer, good food and social time to get to know everyone better.

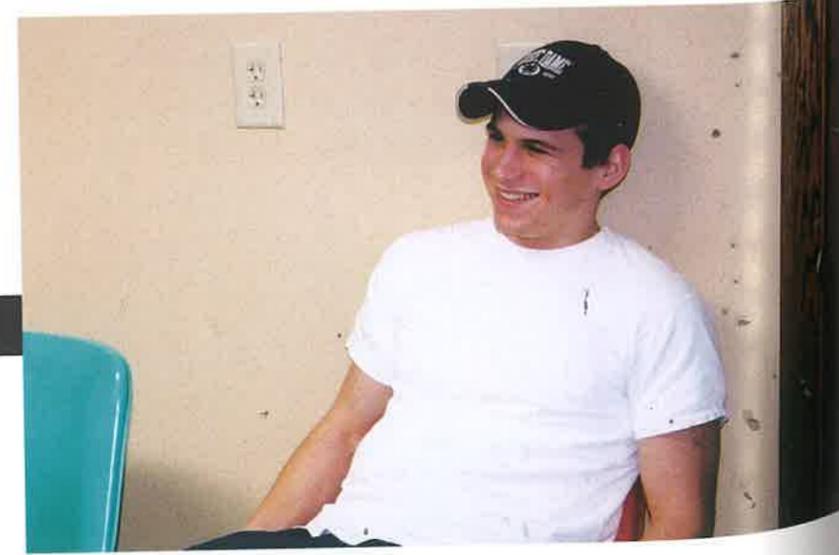
FCA has a really great atmosphere, it is always positive, and it is a great way to meet new people, senior Kyle Millar said.

FCA provides a different experience or perspective to each person who attends, but its goal is to make a difference in many peoples lives by showing who God is and how each individual can accept Him into their heart. FCA is spreading the word of the Lord and will continue in the upcoming years.

This is good! Starvin Marvin, senior Kyle Millar is very thankful for the great chips and dip that he is eating.



FCA: Front Row: Kelsie Kinsella, Marni Benson, Bill Behrmann, Jennifer Grund, Lindsey Lauritsen, Trisha Howitz, 2nd Row: Jennifer Lundgren, Katie Hawley, Missy Johnson, Amber Berglund, Ericka Knoll, Angie Young, Mandy Readel, Back Row: Adviser Dan Holder, Kyle Millar, Derek Young, Kelsey Peterson, Matt Western, Sarah Parkhouse.



Don't make me laugh too much! During small group time, junior Bill Behrmann laughs at a joke.



A Safe Lifestyle

SADD is Safe While Having Fun

*by RaKay Reyes
Staff Writer*

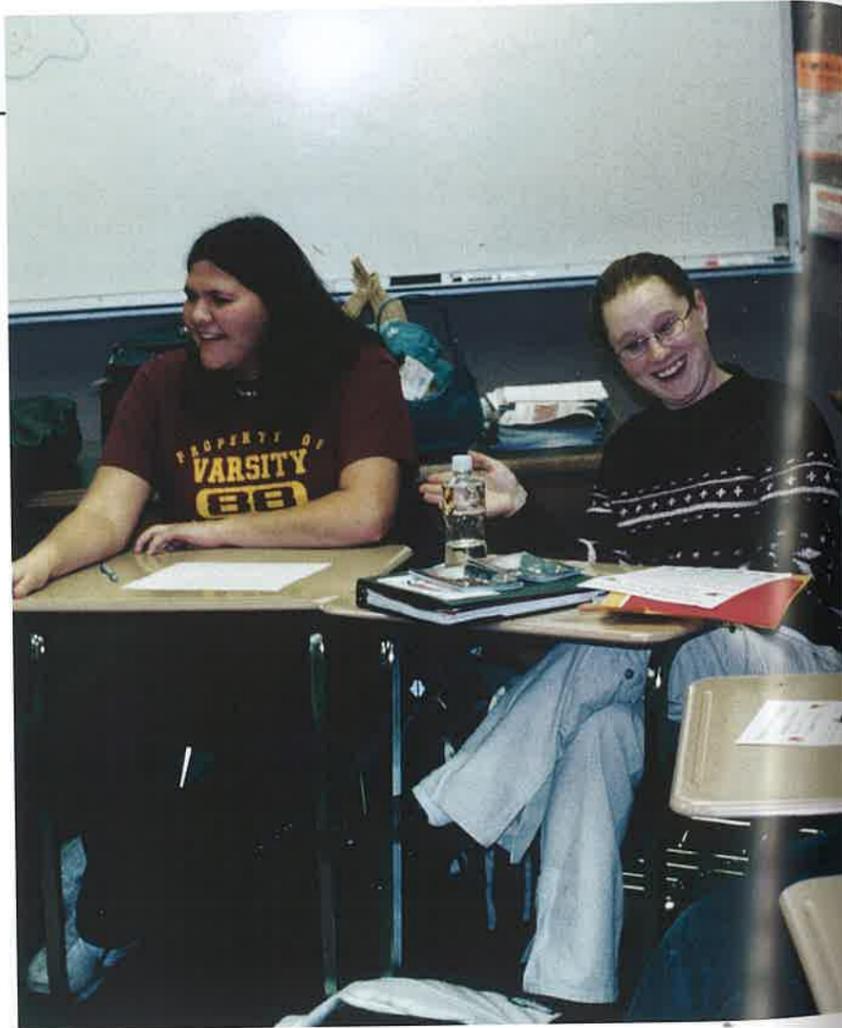
Some students are trying to lead a safe, healthy lifestyle and have joined SADD to help. SADD stands for Students Against Destructive Decisions.

SADD gives teens the skills they need to live safe and healthy lives by making good decisions. WWSMD stands for What Would a SADD Member Do? I ask myself that in all confusing and tough decisions, senior Laura Meert said.

During meetings, issues that come up in teens lives are discussed. Some topics are alcohol, drugs, suicide, abstinence, tobacco and even seat belt safety. We discuss everything from drugs to healthy relationships, freshman Mark Schultz said.

The state SADD conference was held in Jamestown on March 21, 22 and 23. There were national speakers, workshops and dances. 'State SADD is a lot of fun,' senior Ray Langseth said.

SADD is just a great organization of students wanting to lead safe healthy lives while still having fun.



Having too much fun! During one of SADD's Monday night meetings, freshman Brenna Ashburn and senior Laura Meert laugh out loud while they go around the room and discuss the ideal best friend.

SADD: Front Row: Brenna Ashburn, Jessi Wendt, Jessica Reyerson, Val Schultz, Trisha McDonald 2nd Row: Amanda Kerkvliet, Ray Langseth, Devin Campbell, Abigail Clark Back Row: Dana Tollefson, Jason Barns, Jade Cuffe, Jared Kleven, Amber Kerkvliet

Full Speed Ahead

Making Progress, Still Growing

*by Karrie Burdick
Student Life Editor*

Promoting clean living among teenagers and currently campaigning for smoke free restaurants, SSAVY students have promoted good throughout the community.

We get together every other Thursday and work to stop substance abuse and violence, SSAVY instructor Libby Leining said.

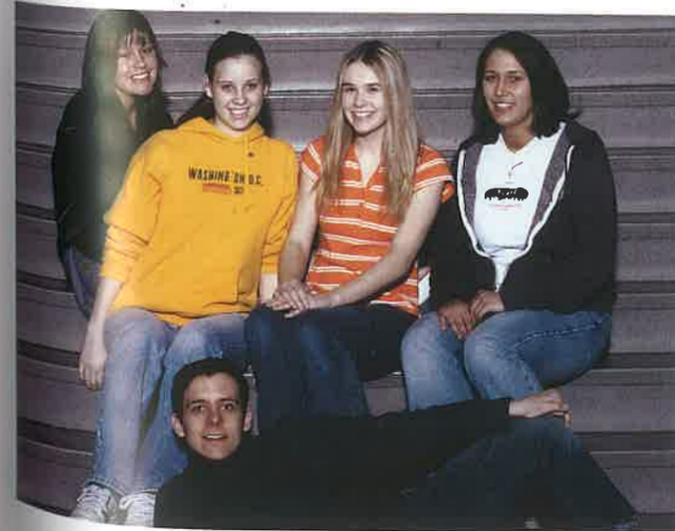
The new instructor, Leining, has taken control of the group, currently trying to work together with restaurants to support a new non-smoking act.

SSAVY is great to support and be involved in, sophomore Trisha McDonald said.

SSAVY works to stop substance abuse and violence in schools.

We have been happy with our hard work, senior Jennifer Sliper said.

This year, SSAVY had 24 participants, SSAVY is making ground and have marked their place this year.



Good Work! At a SSAVY meeting, the group discusses the Non-smoking in Public Places Act. Senior Shane Ilijana and junior Amanda Kerkvliet commented on all of the progress and effort that was put in to the project throughout the year.

SSAVY: Front Row: Shane Ilijana, Back Row: Daizha Goodridge, Brynna Trowbridge, Alyssa Freed, Jennifer Sliper

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TSA: Enhancing Minds

Technology Proves to be Popular

by Kelsie Kinseba
Staff Writer

Technology Student Association, also known as TSA, is one of many extra-curricular activities. It is a group of students who work with animation, desktop publishing, video and digital photography in competitions. TSA allows students in technology classes to compete at state or national levels, adviser Mr. Rich Cwikla said.

The program allows students to work with programs they are not able to work on at home.

I enjoy the opportunity of being able to work with the newest technology, senior Dan Bruns said.

Working with technology abroad will help students throughout their life.

TSA will help me decide what I would like to do after high school, junior Nathan Cwikla said.

TSA is a wonderful opportunity for students. TSA will continue to be successful throughout the coming years.



I have a great IDEAL... Thinking on the next level, senior Cody Redmer and juniors Andrew Hardy and Jon Claude Larson plan what to produce for the next competition

TSA: Front Row: Tom Gross, Cody Redmer, Dan Bruns, Kevin Pomey, Karin Flom, 2nd Row: Kelsey Johnson, Caroline Wyum, Jon-Claude Larson, Andy Hardy, Kody Olmstead, Nathan Cwikla, 3rd Row: Stephanie Cwikla, Apollo Weber, Derek Olgeirson, Dave Holland, Ray Langseth, Last Row: Sean Waquan, Rich Cwikla, Brian Gustafson

Students Lead the Way

Youth take on leadership roles

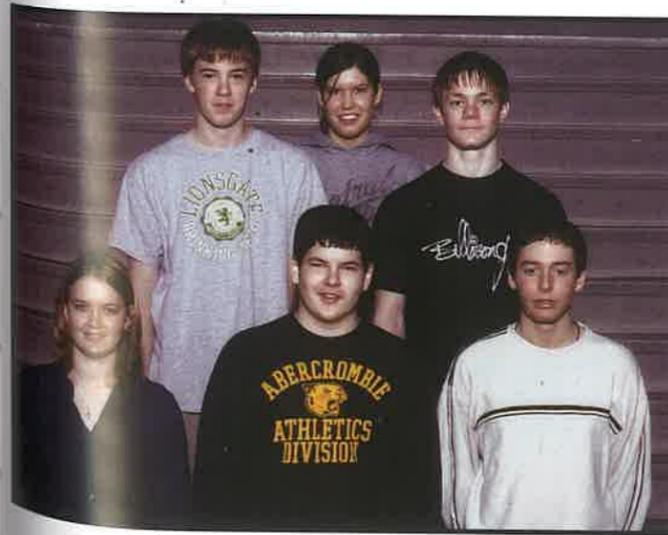
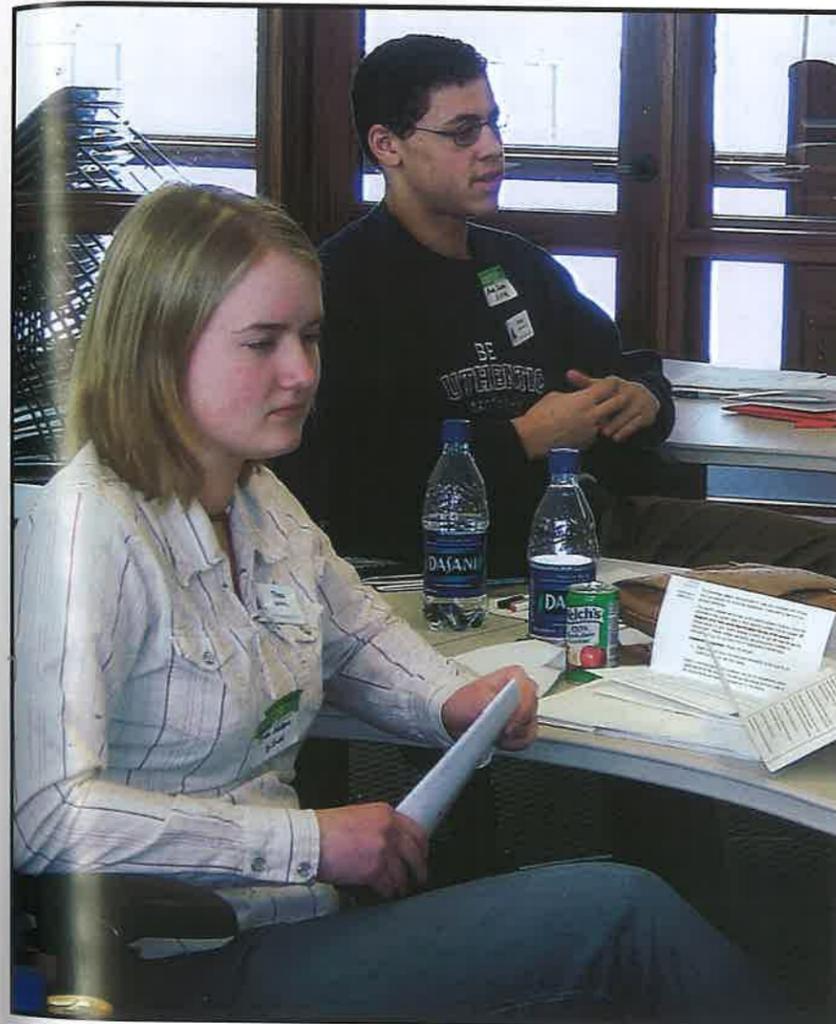
by Karbi Rodgers
Staff Writer

How can the students in youth leadership explain how great of an experience it is? With Mrs. Connie Eggers as the adviser, these students learn and have fun.

The students involved are selected in different ways. They must have at least a 2.5 GPA, a teacher recommendation and then be chosen by the faculty. I try to guide the students into learning new things that may help them in their future, Eggers said.

The students' perspectives are similar. It is a great opportunity to learn things that are not taught to us in school, sophomore Thea Nelson said.

When the members were nominated, they could turn the opportunity down, but none did. I didn't turn this great experience down because it is free classes and a good opportunity to meet new people, sophomore Dacchus Beck said.



Hmmm...Pondering her leadership skills, sophomore Thea Nelson gets ready for one of her monthly leadership gatherings. While learning but still having fun, she prepares herself for the future with good leadership skills.

Youth Leadership: Front Row: Thea Nelson, Reed Montgomery, Justin Reagen, Back Row: Dacchus Beck, Elaine Burchill, Joshua Jones

FBLA Shows Up At State

Three Students Place at Convention

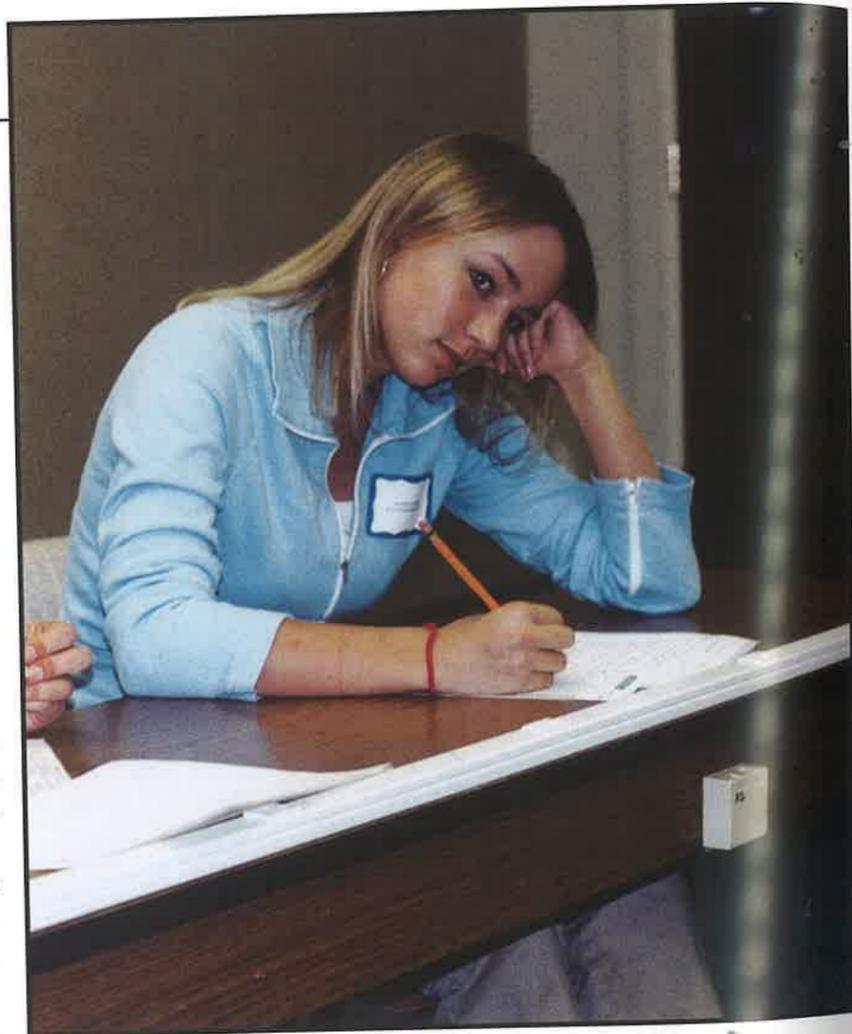
by Kyle Hager
Staff Writer

What do ties and polished shoes have in common? Both are part of the Future Business Leaders of America's (FBLA) apparel.

FBLA went to Valley City for a competition in February, during which the tested and toured the VCSU campus. The trip was really fun, and the competition was pretty difficult. The campus looked nice, and it was cool to get out of class for a day, junior Jared Diemert said.

The state convention was held in March in Fargo. Junior Luke Baldwin took third place in marketing. The marketing test was very difficult, but I felt I had an edge on everyone because I took marketing, Baldwin said.

Another notable place winner was Katrina Butler who took third place in accounting. Senior Jenna Ludwig placed first at the state competition in economics. The test was pretty hard, and I have not finished my econ class, but I did pretty good on the test, Ludwig said.



I wish I would have listened in class... At a competition held at VCSU junior Richelle Schnepf thinks hard during her word processing test for her FBLA competition in February.

FBLA: Front Row: Mr. Rick Anderson, Morgan Anderson, Brittany Stargardt, Amanda Readal, Karli Rodgers, Jenna Ludwig, 2nd Row: Nathan Johnson, Lindsey Nowacki, Katrina Butler, Kristin Hoy, Alyssa Lester. Back Row: Luke Baldwin, Karl Saxowsky, Kyle Hager, Kirk Rienets, Dan Dardis.

AMC Offers Experience

Students Prepare With Exams

by Trisha Burner
Staff Writer

The American Mathematics Competition (AMC) is something not many people have heard about but students enjoy. The freshman and sophomores take the AMC 10 and the juniors and seniors take the AMC 12. There were 61 students who took the test, and sophomore Derek Plehal and junior Cailin Bailey placed first in their competitions.

This math test helps build critical thinking skills that are helpful in college, and prepares students for the future. Its definitely a good test to take, no matter how hard it is, you have to keep trying, junior Courtney Benjamin said.

This is a great opportunity for many students, and they should be honored when asked to take the test. I would hope every single year that the scores will increase and that we would have more kids taking the test, Mrs. Mary Jo McKay said.

Although difficult, the AMC is worthwhile and very rewarding.



E=MC²...Waiting anxiously at the Tri College Math Competition Whitney Fontes and Danika Vigasaa listen closely to the instructions given for the test.

Math Contest Participants: Front row: Madeline Bailey, Alicia Johnston, Maham Fayyaz, Andrea Flaten, Shazim Fayyaz, Brandin Mischel. 2nd Row: Kelley Wilhelmi, Kristen Daum, Misty Irving, Creighton Brown, Jessica Mammenga, Peter Wiederholt. 3rd Row: Sean Waquan, Jordan Andersen, Advisor Mary Jo McKay, Whitney Fontes, Cortney Benjamin, Danika Vigasaa. 4th Row: Don Burnham, Jim Broton, Ali Jenson, Cassie Warren, Jessica Roth, Kelsey Johnson, Ross Keller. Back row: John Tomaszewski, Nathan Adams, Angelica Leal, Nick Rosdahl, Carter Woodley.

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Key Club Makes Difference

Students Help Community

by Jerod Heitkamp
Staff Writer

Many students at West Fargo High School do not know what Key Club is. Key Club is a service organization that helps the community in a number of different ways. They hold fundraisers, do volunteer work and work with charities. Key Club is a student run organization. Advisers for the group are Mrs. Christina Walker and Mrs. Michelle Highman.

Because Key Club is a student run organization, we pretty much let the students hold the meetings and we just supervise and help when they need it, Highman said.

One of the activities that the students are working on is Operation Christmas Child. For this fundraiser, members will be gathering presents and putting them in shoe boxes to ship across seas to children in need.

I think Operation Christmas Child is a great fundraiser and really puts things in perspective here in the United States, junior, Vice President Tessie Jones said.

Key Club also does a lot of volunteer work around the community, such as volunteering to help at nursing homes. While working with the community, these students enjoy their time helping others.

Key club is really fun, and I hope more students would join, sophomore Trisha McDonald.

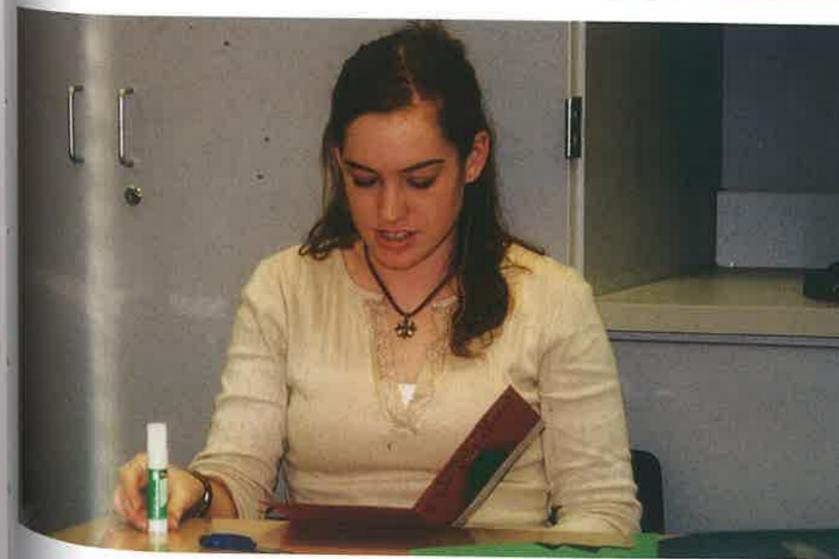
It is a great organization that helps in the community. While some students may not know what Key Club is, this group of students is making a difference to many people around the world.



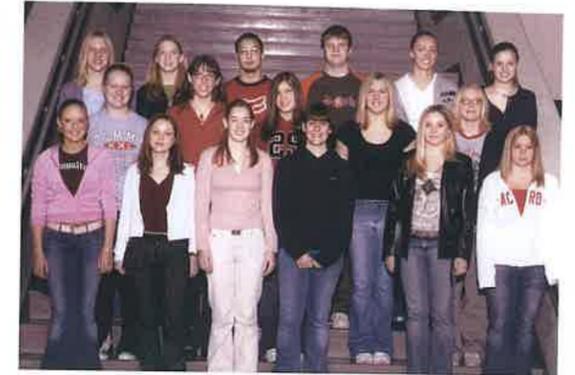
It's time to party! During the Key club fall rally, seniors Sierra Kraft, Angie Woodbury, Katie Paczkowski and junior Tessie Jones get ready for the big dance that night.



I am almost done. While constructing her holiday gift card for one of Key Clubs winter projects, freshman Ashley Denne puts on the finishing touches.



I hope they like it! After making her Key Club Christmas card sophomore Laura Cronin reads it over to make sure it is just right.



Front Row: Tessie Jones, Sierra Kraft, Laura Cronin, Melissa Gunderson, Kryshel Evans, Sadie Olson
2nd Row: Katie Paczkowski, Alicia Johnston, Elaine Burchill, Ashley Denne, Cortney Benjamin
Back Row: Alison Kelly, Angela Woodbury, Thomas Gross, Nicholas Liljequist, Tiffany Gjestvang, Brynna Trowbridge

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Lies Plus Deceit Take Over

Drama Takes Different Direction

by Rachel Luqert

Copy Editor

Save the drama for your mama! The Drama Department has put on many good plays this year, but the One Act, *A Piece of Rope*, was one of the best this spring.

The drama department did something that had never been done before. All of the plays put on in the past had always been musicals. We made history for the school by having the first play that wasn't a musical, junior Chris Kuhn said.

The cast put in many hours of hard work to make the play a success. They had to spend weekends and school nights practicing, building the set, and rehearsing their lines. Everyone does their part to help their fellow classmates.

Well, first practice goes from four to six everyday except Wednesday. Then, when it gets closer to the performance, we rehearse from four to 8:30. We have to practice the choreography and our lines. There is also a minimum of 20 hours each of us has to put into building the set and the costumes, junior Angie Hunt said.

All of the hard work the department put in to one play, reflects how much everyone involved with the play loved what they do.

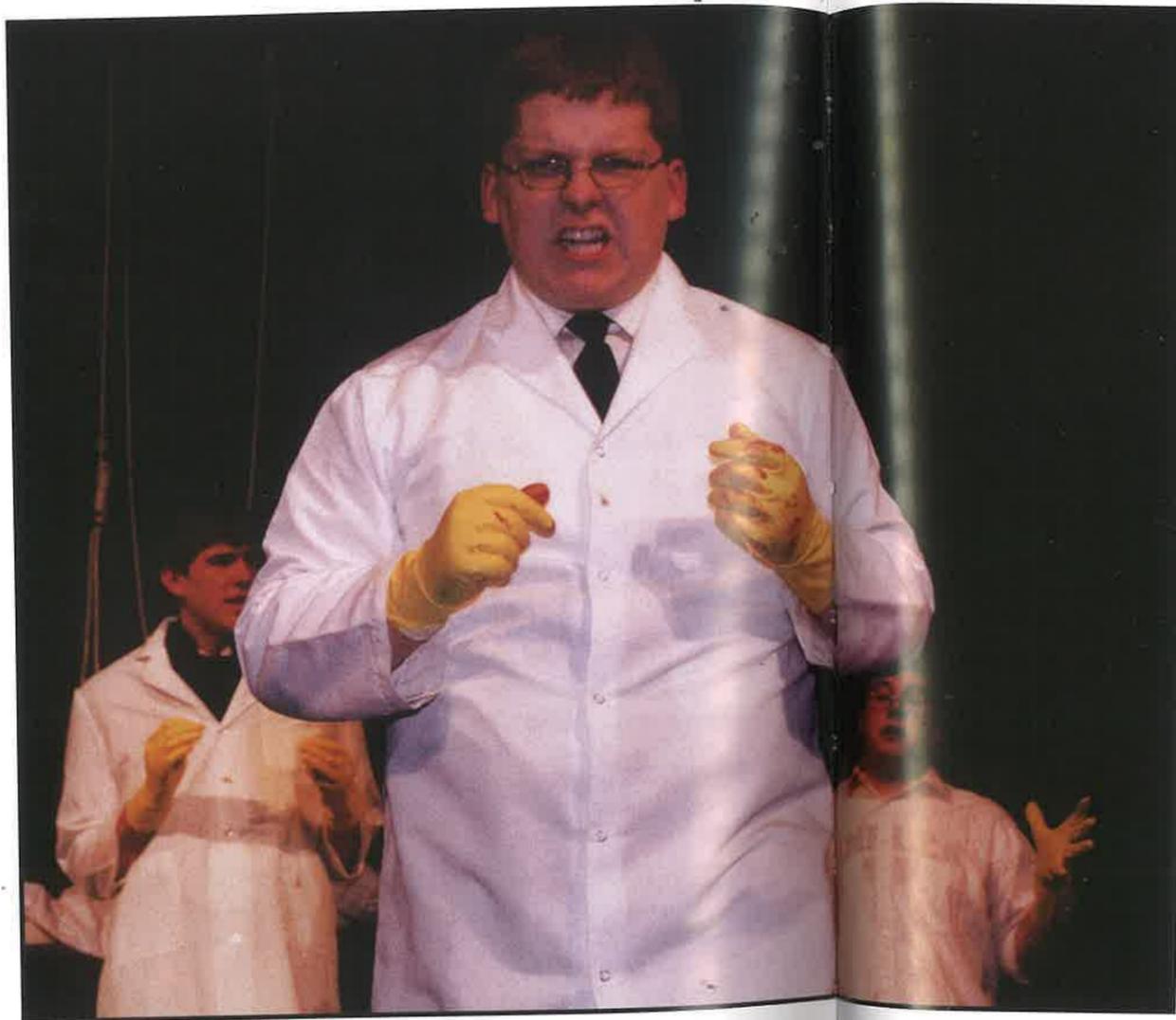
The drama department also put on a Storybook Breakfast. This fundraiser consisted of a pancake breakfast at the high school, the cast dressing up in storybook characters with face painting and other fun activities during the weekend of WestFest.

The Storybook Breakfast was a lot of fun and excitement for the kids. It was a great time with great rewards for the drama department, senior Roberta Pylik said.

The Drama Department has been around for many years putting on wonderful shows. It will be around for as long as this high school stands and the students that perform and all of the people who put in many hours of help, can only get better from here.



Drama Front Row: Kaylee Harles, Jessica Lambertz, Cailin Bailey, Melissa Cienger, Samantha Schmidt, Mallory Hayes, Sara Barnard, Kayla Whitaker, Danni Lambertz, Molly Siegert, Sarah English, Jessica Nelson. 2nd Row: Tali Dumdai, Suzanne Al-Kayali, Madeline Bailey, Jenna Poppenhagen, Megan Mallet, Amanda Mallet, Ellen Vaagen, Stephanie Cwikla, Lisanne Saunders, Jessie John, Julia Whittle, Megan Winter. 3rd Row: Danika Vagasaa, Angie Hunt, Ashley Novacek, Alicia Albrecht, Jasmin Jarocki, Lee Hartog, Branden Mischel, Roberta Pytlik, Joie Sherman, Shane Bauer, Justin Schulz, Eric Novacek. Back Row: Shane Ilijana, Jake Murray, Chris Kuhn, Cody Symanietz, Alex Kelly, Casey Gilbertson, Brad Kvamme, Nick Mitchell, Missy Schiller, Paul Neary, Joe Connor.



GRRRRRR! During *A Piece of Rope* senior Lee Hartog is one of the doctors working on the husband that was murdered.



Oh No! During *A Piece of Rope*, the wife played by junior Sam Schmidt is taken away by juniors Nick Mitchell and Brad Kvamme after have been arrested for being a suspect in her husbands murder.



Satan is coming! The maid, played by Molly Siegert in *A Piece of Rope*, cries because her boss was killed. She believed that Satan was after her.

Getting Into Character

Students Onstage Talent Appease Crowd

by Kayla Mattson
Staff Writer

According to Webster, drama is a literary composition that tells a story, usually representing human conflict by means of dialog and action to be performed upon the stage.

Drama can be described in many ways. None better than by those who know it best, the actors.

Drama combines intellect, talent, enthusiasm and hard work. It takes true passion to make a production beautiful, junior Samantha Schmidt said.

This year the cast worked with a new director, Ms. Megan Gredesky. Not only was this her first year as the director at West Fargo, but it was her first time directing a musical. To add a little spice to the main stage show, *The Boyfriend*, Gredesky hired a talented choreographer, whose experience includes performing in New York City, to help choreograph the play.

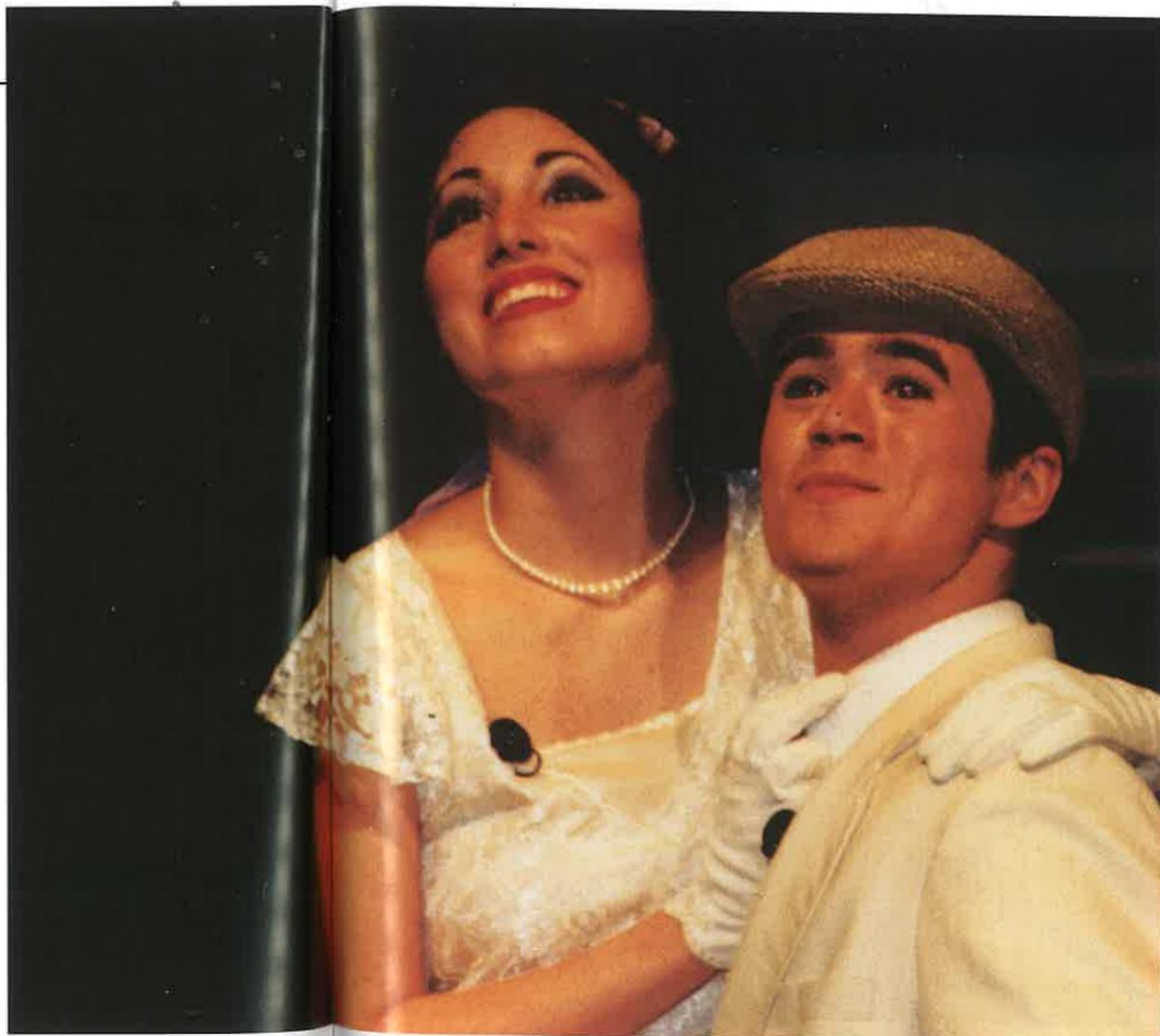
Working with the choreographer was fun, senior Lisanne Saunders said.

Gredesky's efforts were recognized by the cast, and she is described as being a positive person and always has a lot of energy, junior Angie Hunt said.

The childrens show, *Schoolhouse Rock Live*, was a fun reenactment of the cartoon series. The show proved to be a hit with the youngsters learning their ABC's and 123's.

The main stage show, *The Boyfriend*, is a 1920s comedy. The show expressed the excitement of meeting a new boyfriend by characters Polly played by senior Joie Sherman and Tony played by junior Justin Schulz.

This year proved to be a successful year for drama. With the welcome of Gredesky and a great cast the show will go on!



I sure could use some elbow room...Singing a song about the settlers moving from the east to the west, junior Missy Schiller belts out a tune for all to hear at the *Schoolhouse Rock Live* drama performance. Onlookers senior Sara Barnard and juniors Bradley Kvamme and Chris Kuhn listen to her tale of Manifest Destiny.



Behave yourself sir! Whispering sweet nothings in Dulcies ear, senior Lee Hartogs character Lord Brockhurst tries to steal a kiss from junior Samantha Schmidts character during the production of *The Boyfriend*.



Whats your function? Giving a lecture on conjunctions, junior Chris Kuhn sings about keeping sentences together during the *Schoolhouse Rock Live* production. Background dancers freshman Madeline Bailey, sophomore Melissa Gienger and freshman Stephanie Cwikla help explain the meaning of conjunctions.

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Students Enjoy Nature

Club Members Learn To Conserve

by Trisha Howitz
Staff Writer

The WFHS Envirothon competed in the State Envirothon Competition this year. Eleven students represented West Fargo. The teams adviser was science teacher Mrs. Sara Forness.

At the meets, each team went on different trails where they were asked a variety of questions.

My favorite part of the meet is going on the trails, senior Jennifer Sliper said.

Also, the teams had two hours to come up with a 10-minute speech.

I think the worst part of being in envirothon is having to give a long speech, senior Adam Spiker said.

At the meets, the students competed against 19 other teams from all around the state. The teams participated in activities like GPS, fishing and meeting new people.

I like the free time we get to meet new people, junior Kelsey Beauchamp said.

Although the teams did not finish in the top three, it was a rewarding experience.



Envirothon: Front Row: Lindsey Bellmore, Erika Hochgraber, Adam Spiker, 2nd Row: Kelsey Johnson, Kelsey Beauchamp, Nathan Cwikla, Back Row: Dacia Sampers, Katie Borkowski, Mrs. Sarah Forness, Cailin Baily.

Watch out for that tree! While using a tool that collects core samples from trees at the state Envirothon Competition, senior Jennifer Sliper watches as senior Adam Spiker does the dirty work.

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Odyssey of Science

Olympiads Learn, Have Fun in One Club

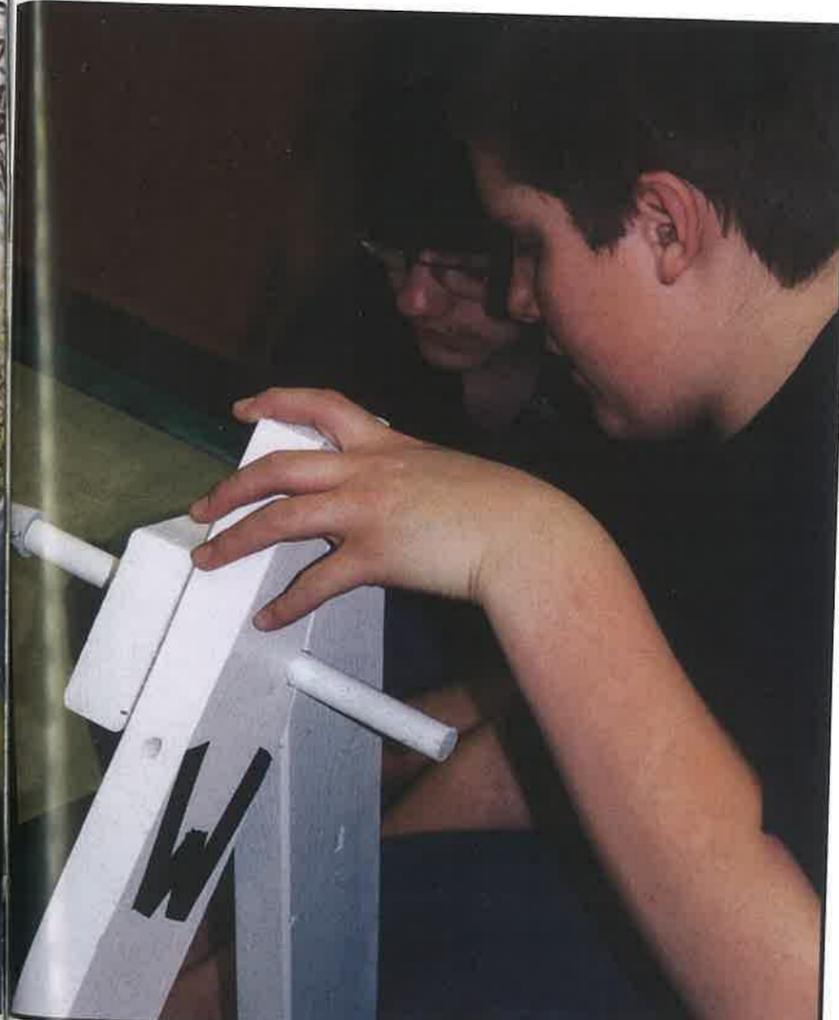
by Megan Lisburg
Staff Writer

What do science, competitions, and fun have in common? Students can find all in Science Olympiad, led by Mrs. Pamela Thompson and Mrs. Joan Baltezare.

Science Olympiad is a club whose basis is in science but deals with other fields as well. An example is something called a trebuchet. Club members freshmen Brandon Lisburg and Bruce Erdman built one from scratch. According to Lisburg, A trebuchet is like a catapult, except it throws things by using a counter-weight.

There were trebuchets in *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*. It was that thing throwing those huge rocks at the orcs at the beginning of the big battle scene, Erdman said.

To join, students need to know when it meets. When we started it, there was going to be a set meeting time after school, but we couldn't find one to fit students' schedules, so they just come in to work on their projects whenever they can, said Thompson.



Hmmm...interesting... During a Science Olympiad meeting after school, freshman Bruce Erdmann and sophomore Dan Clark examine the trebuchet Erdmann built from scratch. Trebuchets are not the only things club members built this year. They also made, among other things, balsa wood towers and model air planes.

Science Olympiad: Front row: Madeline Bailey, Cortney Benjamin, Creighton Brown, Peter Wiederholt, Jason Zurn, 2nd Row: Dan Clark, Tim Stulken, Adam Rutten, Bruce Erdmann, Back Row: Mrs. Joan Baltezare, Nathan Saye, Brandon Lisburg.

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Hard Work Breeds Success

Individuals, Team Thrive at State Meet

by Melissa Gunderson
Staff Writer

Speech is the mirror of the mind. If this quote by Seneca is true, then minds of the members of the West Fargo High School are certainly something special. With state qualifiers in categories ranging from humorous to dramatic, from duo to solo and from informational to inspirational, the speech team returned from the state speech tournament with a healthy dose of well-deserved pride.

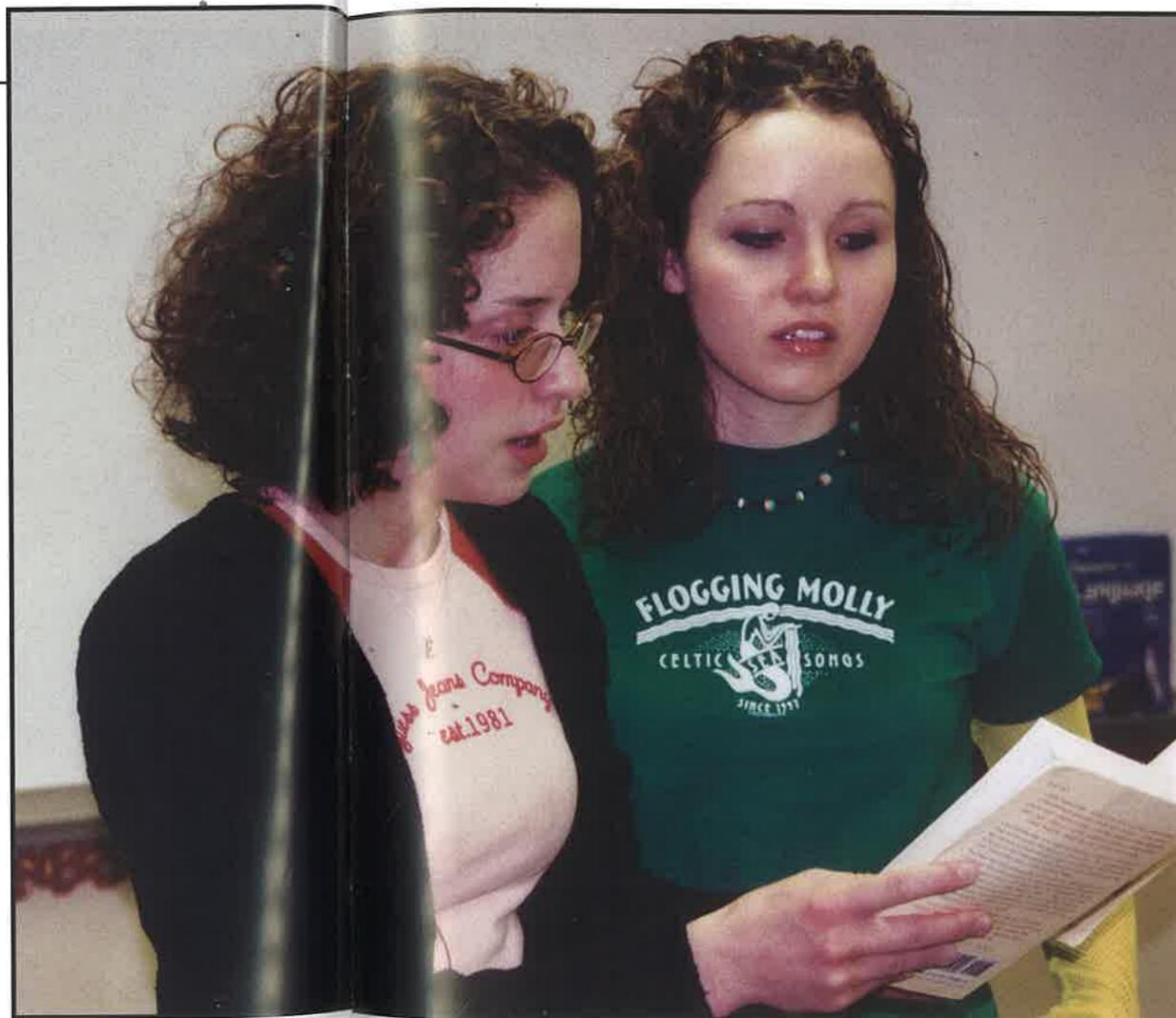
Going into the season with simple goals, the team was very successful. I wanted to qualify for state, sophomore Kerri Houle said, and individually we want to do our best and score well, senior Kara Hadley said. The team surpassed even their expectations with a third place finish at state.

A great end to a fabulous season did not come easily for the team. With students practicing Monday through Thursday, hard work was a huge factor in their success. Another factor that made the season so fulfilling for many members was team chemistry. There are less people this year, but it feels more like a family. We are definitely much closer, sophomore Paul Neary said.

This showed not only in practice and competitions, but also outside of speech with team members truly being friends, activities such as bowling, movies and just hanging out became an important part of the season.

While members reminisce of the fun of past seasons, the 2003-2004 season will always hold a special place for the team and its adviser Mrs. Candice Paczkowski.

With the speech season ended, the team is eager for seasons to come and is already looking ahead to a repeat of its success.

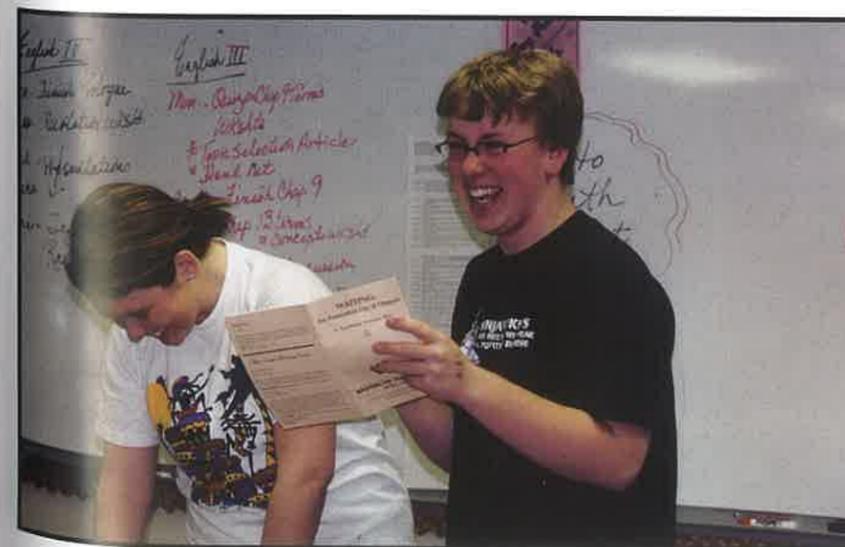


Speech: Front Row: Emily Hill, Molly Siegert, Megan Mallet, Dacia Sampers, Suzanne Al-Kayali, 2nd Row: Steffen Falde, Kara Hadley, Joseph Connor, Kristen Lehfeltd, Kelsey Peterson, Allison Neumiller, 3rd Row: Braden Kirkey, Joshua Wolff, Kerri Houle, Paul Neary, Lisa Moser, Back Row: Mrs. Candice Paczkowski, Tessie Jones, Tracy Olson, Kristen Daum, Karin Flom, Kathryn Joyce.

Keep a Straight Face. While practicing their serious duo, seniors Emily Hill and Sierra Kraft read through their piece for speech adviser Mrs. Candice Paczkowski.



Does It Get Any Better? Before an afternoon practice, freshman Joseph Connor, seventh-grader Beatrice Hill and senior Kara Hadley relax and enjoy pizza, pop and laughs together.

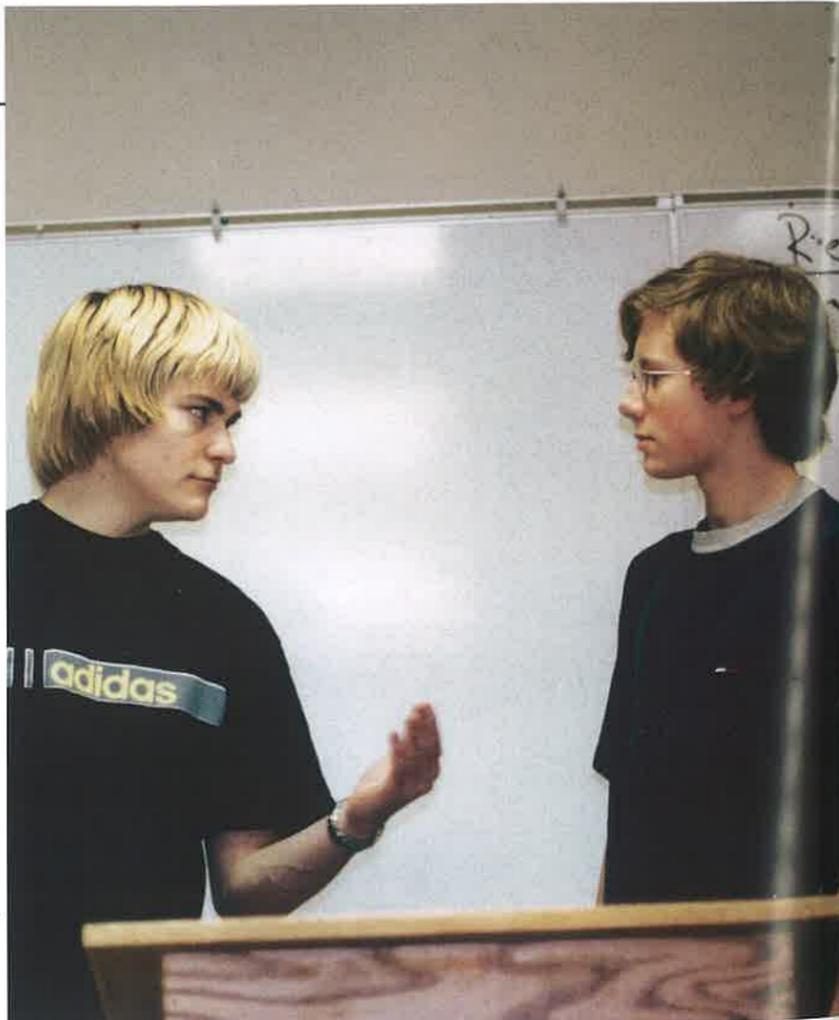


He Said What? Before an upcoming meet, sophomores Kerri Houle and Paul Neary break up an afternoon of practicing their duo 'Waiting' with some laughter.

Right Way or No Way

Rebating, Exciting, Fun Debate

by Rachel Luqent
Copy Editor



Debate has been around for many years at West Fargo High School. Many students are aware of this extra-curricular activity. The typical high school student joins an organization because it sounds like fun. This was the case for sophomore Karin Flom. I decided to join because it sounded fun, Flom said.

Debate is a very relaxed organization.

They try to get together a couple times a week, or when they are able to all come and practice. Debate advisor Jeffery Huffman said.

In debate, they have competitions and awards. Debate is structured for every person to have a partner. It is a team competition where the team wins awards.

We are divided into teams to go against teams from other schools. Competitions consist of rounds. There are affirmative and negative viewpoints, sophomore Steffen Falde said.

Listen up! During debate practice, sophomore Joshua Wolff was trying to get his point across to sophomore Steffen Falde while they practice for competition in Mr. Jeffrey Huffmans classroom after school.

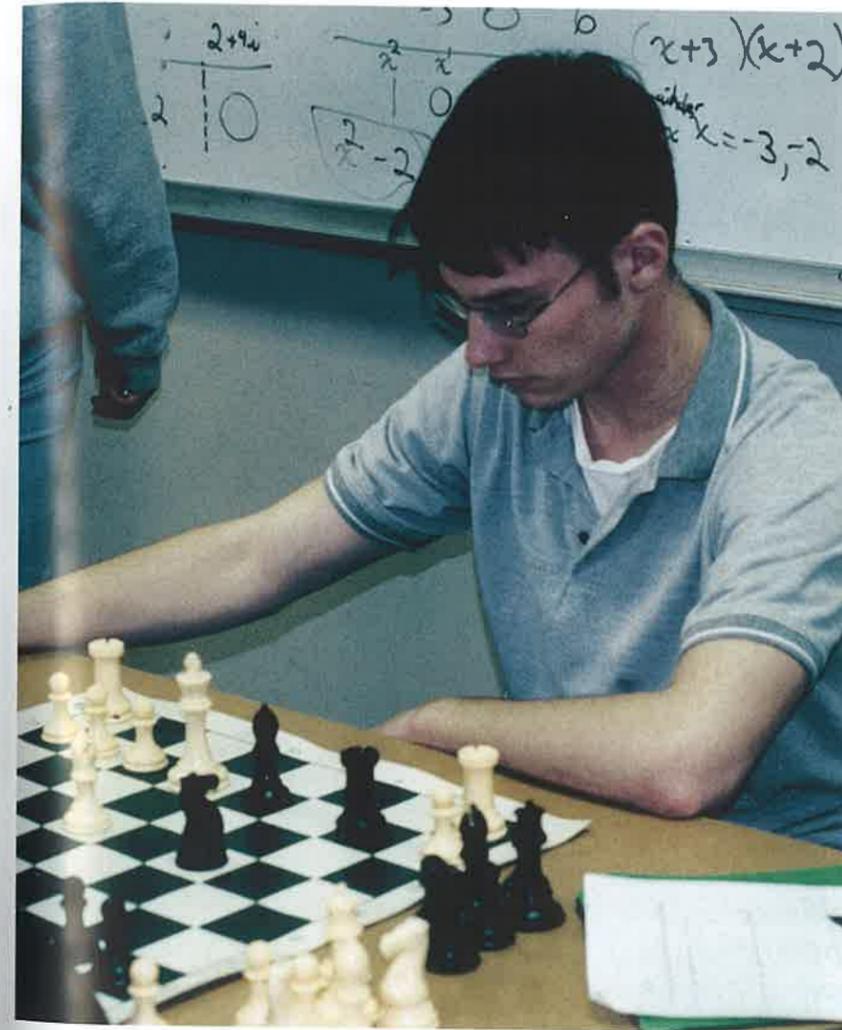
Debate: Karin Flom, Josh Wolff, Steffen Falde, Braden Kirkey



Club Makes Check-Mate

Players Use Right Moves

by Jeremy Quabbe
Staff Writer



Chess is one of the most knowledgeable games or competitions out there. Chess deals with the players thinking habits. According to some chess players, they really do not have any preparation before a match. Well, I don't really prepare for a match. I just go into the match doing my own thing, junior Jacob Sauer said.

Chess is also very interesting when being played. Its a game of logic, which means it has real life applications by the way you think or make a move which helps you start thinking more clearly which is why this is such a great game to play, senior David Holland said.

According to math teacher James Dew, there are some standouts who play chess. I'd have to say Braden Kirkey is probably the best player in West Fargo because he beat the player who won the chess tournament this year at West Fargo, Dew said.



What to do next? Concentrating hard on what he should do next senior David Holland gets read to make his next chess move against his opponent. Holland occasionally comes in to Mr. James Dews room to challenge other chess opponents.

Going for the move! In a duel match held after school, junior Jacob Sauer gets ready to make a move against his opponent.

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Committee Plans Prom

Juniors Provide Great Night

by Abby Monson
Staff Writer

The prom committee can be found working constantly, months before prom, preparing for one big night. Making every decision and deciding every detail, the prom committee made this year's prom unforgettable.

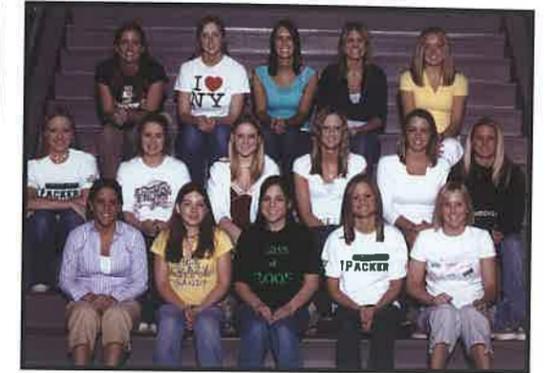
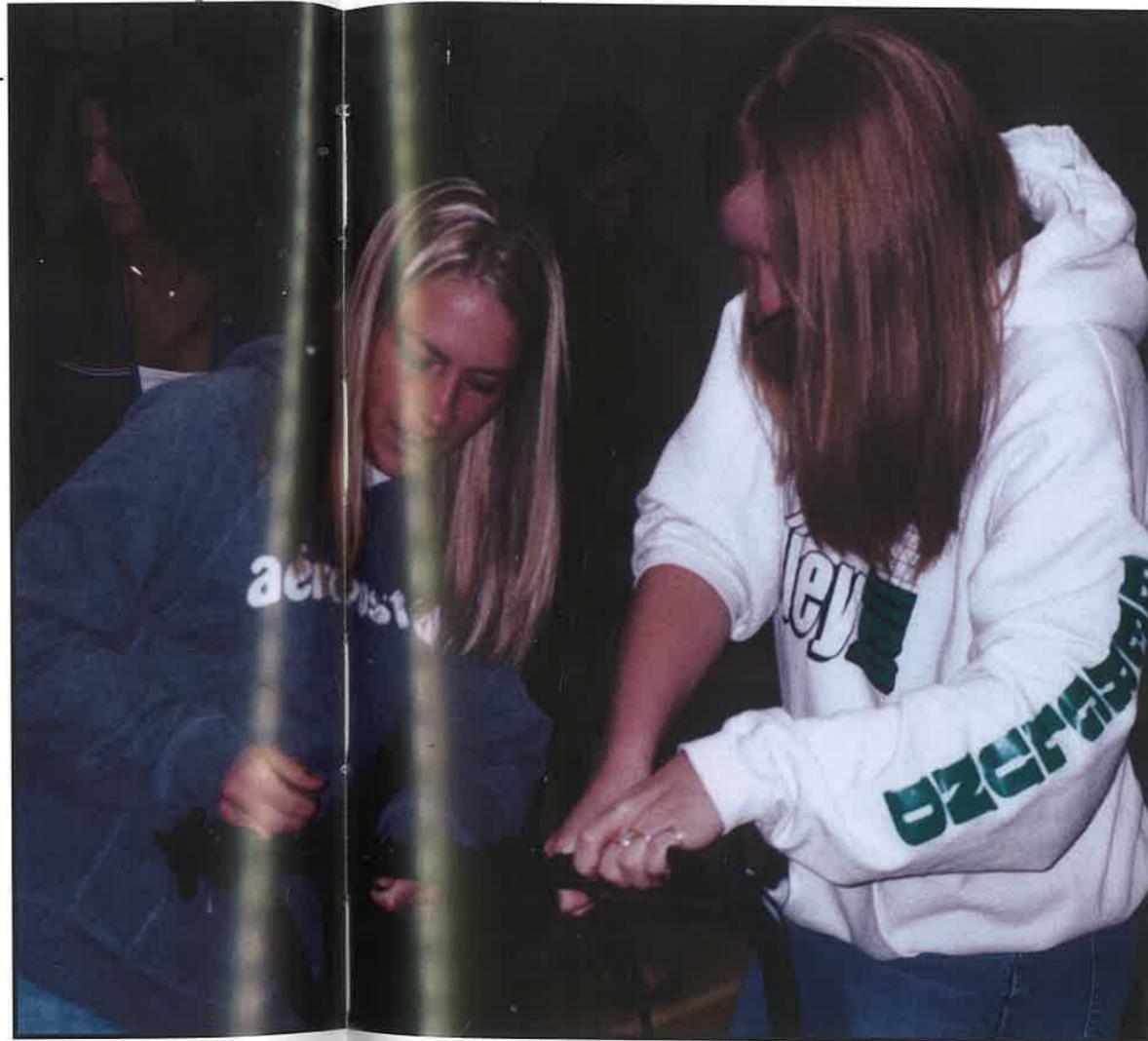
Starting in the fall, the prom committee consisted of only juniors, who had tasks throughout the year such as deciding a theme, choosing a song and picking sophomore couples. Prom committee gives its members the responsibility to plan a great night for their classmates. Being in prom committee gives you a chance to have a say in the details of the big night everyone looks forward to, junior Bill Behrmann said. The advisers this year were Mrs. Jill Wold and Mrs. Kathy Antonelli.

The theme decided was Midnight Fantasy. The theme is really cool, and it is different from previous themes, junior Lindsay Stokes said. The song chosen was Ill Be by Edwin McCain. The song was sung by juniors Loren Dickens and Karli Rodgers.

The prom committee was also in charge of setting up before the big event, and cleaning up afterward.

Many have enjoyed prom committee over the years. Being in prom committee was really fun, and I think as a group we prepared a great prom, junior Sarah Schmidt said.

Overall, the prom committee planned and prepared an unforgettable night for the students at West Fargo High School.



Prom Committee: Front Row: Joni Grant, Alexa Lundquist, Jennifer Schram, Danielle Knoll, Nichole Rheault. 2nd Row: Tessie Jones, Kelley Wilhelmi, Angela Jaskins, Brianne Gebeke, Richelle Schnepf, Ericka Knoll. Back Row: Lindsay Stokes, Amber Berglund, Sarah Schmidt, Samantha Felts, Mellissa Johnson.

This is fun! While putting together some last minute touches, juniors Amy Foss and Amber Berglund try to assemble an arch for the gym display.



Help Me! While working on the waterfall display in the gym, junior Ericka Knoll gives a frustrated look to the camera.

What do I do? Wondering how to put together an arch, juniors Ericka Knoll, Brianne Gebeke and Nichole Rheault attempt to figure it out.

Making School Fun

Pep Club Gets Students Fired Up

by Jessie Mattson
Staff Writer

How does West Fargo get its school spirit? Different games and activities, makes this a very difficult job to accomplish. Pep Club is a group of people trying to meet this challenge.

Being in Pep Club is a lot of work, but it is a lot of fun to be in the group, sophomore Robyn Stromberg said.

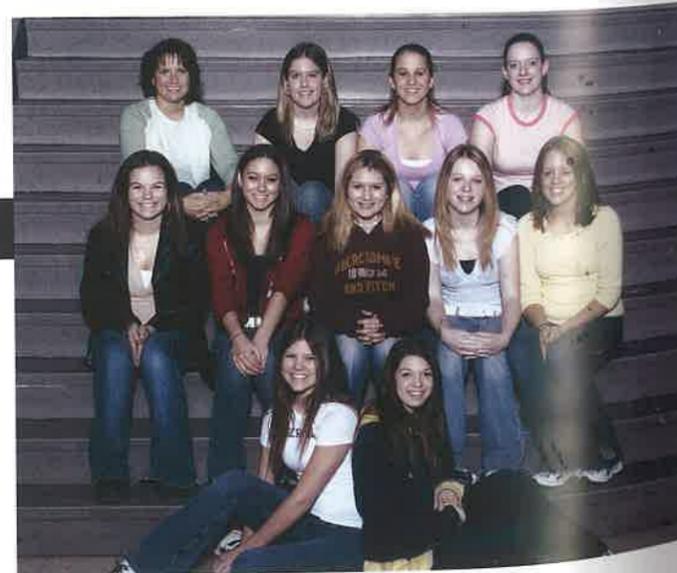
Pep Club usually just has meetings whenever necessary, including before the pep rallies or big games.

The adviser for Pep Club is Mrs. Dawn Pederson. She helps the members and organizes everything that is done.

Mrs. Pederson is a good leader and makes Pep Club a lot of fun, sophomore Trisha McDonald said.

The cheerleaders are required to join pep club, but anyone who wants to join is always welcome.

Pep Club is fun, but I wish more people would realize it and join the club, sophomore Meghan Lewis said.



Getting ready for the big game! In preparation for a Packer football game against the Jamestown Blue Jays, sophomore Madalyn Moltzan decorates a sign to get the crowd excited for the game.

Pep Club Front Row: Alisia Thomas, Allyson Fleming, 2nd Row: Kelsey Lund, Madalyn Moltzan, Trisha McDonald, Tracy Herk, Robyn Stromberg, Back Row: Dawn Pederson, Synie Rabideaux, Jenny Usgaard, Allison Nicholson.

Giving Recognition

Students Honored for Achievements

by Kayla Mattson
Staff Writer

What do goals, hard work and awards have in common? They are part of what Packer Pride recognizes throughout each year.

Packer Pride awards teachers and students for reaching their goals.

I felt very honored and excited, junior Samantha Schmidt said. She received the student of the month award in October.

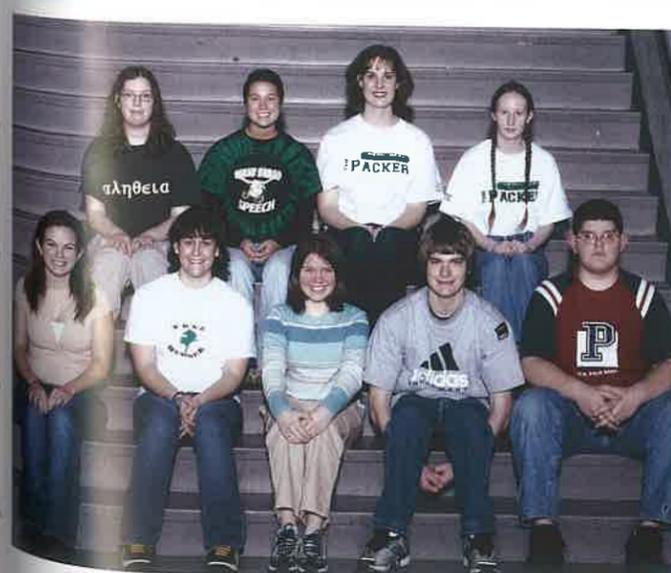
Packer Pride gives a Teacher of the Month award as well as a Staff-to-Staff award.

Packer Pride is described as a recognition of student-teacher involvement, Packer Pride leader Lynette Mund said.

Packer Pride is also involved in the Stretch Award.

Our committee honors one student in each grade for raising their GPA from first quarter to the second, Packer Pride leader Ruth Joyce said.

Packer Pride has done a great job awarding people for achieving their personal goals.



Pay attention everyone! While explaining an instruction, Mr. Larry Anderson, winner of the Staff-to-Staff award, attempts to teach sophomore Derrick Carlson the tricks and trades of ceramics.

Packer Pride Students of the Month: Front Row: Kelsey Lund, Melissa Gunderson, Andrea Samsten, Joshua Wolff, Jordan Wolff, Back Row: Jodi Borden, Kathryn Joyce, Kristen Daum, Karin Flom.

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Yearbook Turns New Page

Students Make Outstanding Book of Memories

by Staci Monson
Staff Writer

Writing stories, taking pictures and conducting interviews are all a part of putting together a yearbook. There is a lot of work involved, but it pays off in the end. Classes have a variety of students in different levels of publications. This year's staff is larger than in the past.

Every student must go through Publications I and learn the basics to be on the yearbook staff. This year for Publications I, the students published the South Elementary Yearbook. It was a lot of work and hectic at times, but it was fun, junior Kyle Hager said.

This year's staff proved to be skilled. This staff works a lot better together, and I think the students understand the process of putting together a yearbook better, yearbook adviser Mrs. Meghan Brown said. Each student is assigned stories that they must complete themselves.

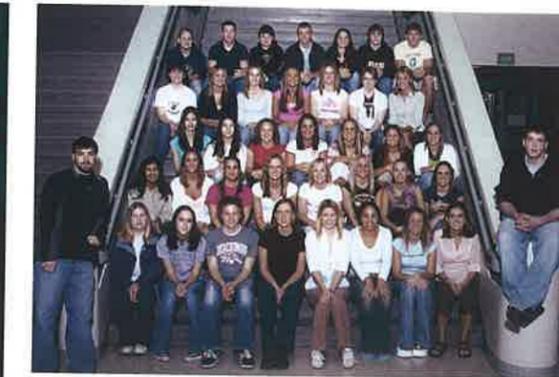
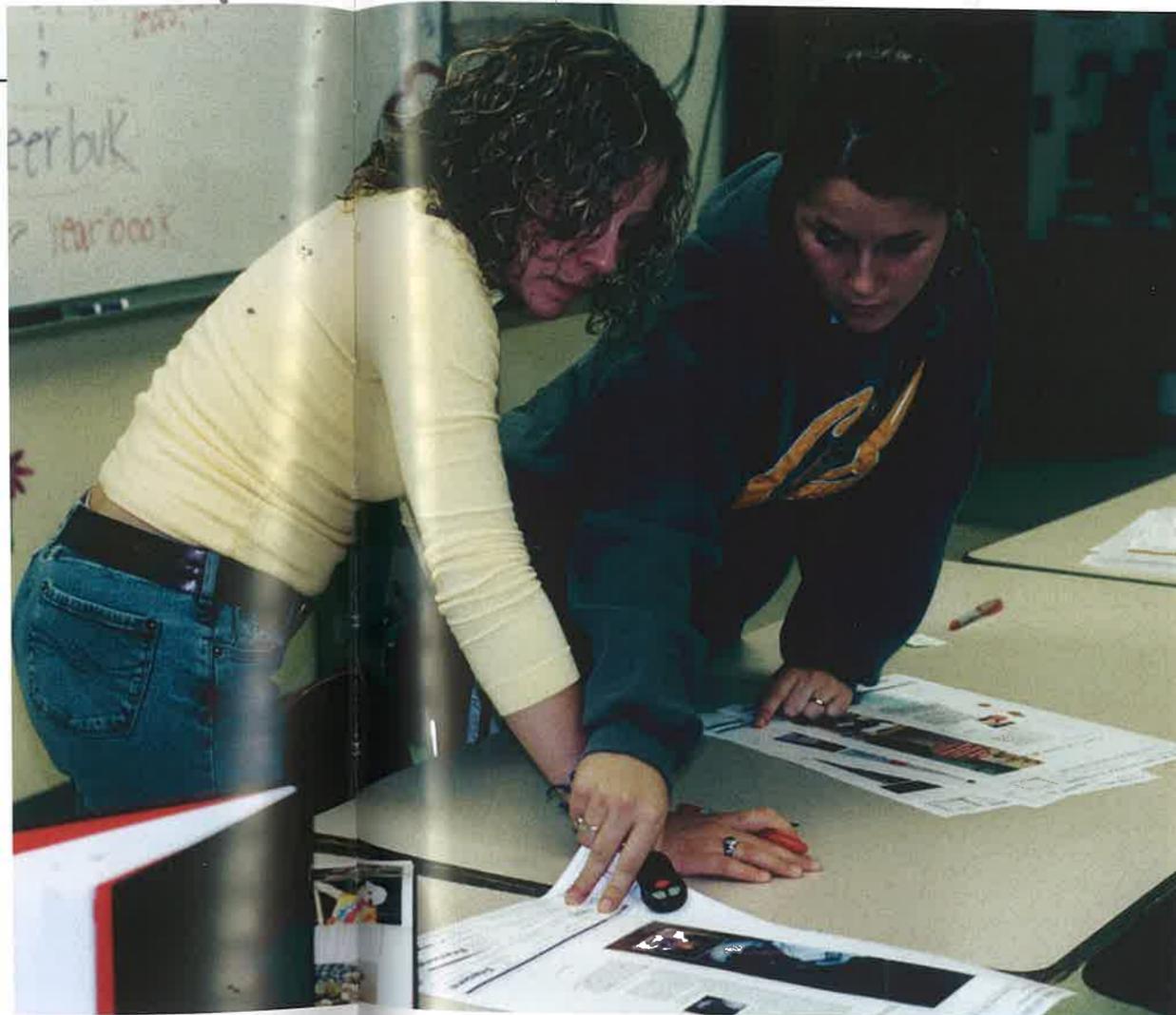
Some students are editors on the staff. Most of the editors are seniors or have been on the staff before. It's fun and nice to have a leadership role, senior editor Jennifer Lundgren said.

Students go to the National Interscholastic Press Association (N.I.P.A.) convention and compete showing what they have learned throughout the year. A few students are also chosen to go on a national trip to attend a yearbook convention and learn new things for the following year.

Yearbook is a great way to get out, meet people and learn new things about the school. I enjoy the students because it is a less formal class, and I get to know everyone better, Brown said. Through all the photography and writing, yearbook looks to be a good time for all.



Will this never end! While working on the South Elementary Yearbook, junior Kyle Hager seeks advice from senior Karrie Burdick during publications class.



Yearbook: Front Row: David Rankin, Carly Bjerk, Krista Jones, Todd Volk, Mrs. Meghan Brown, Kelsie Kinsella, Trisha Howitz, Jennifer Grund, Marni Benson, Jarred LaDouceur. Second Row: Maham Fayyaz, Makell Hehr, Chelsea Lugert, Brianna Gebeke, Nichole Rheault, Ericka Knoll, Karli Rodgers, Karrie Burdick. Third Row: RaKay Reyes, Megan Lisburg, Jennifer Lundgren, Liz McCracken, Brittany Kloos, Steph Daul, Staci Monson. Fourth Row: Melissa Gunderson, Samantha Felts, Kayla Mattson, Trisha Burner, Aimee McEwen, Madison Nicholls, Abby Monson. Back Row: Rachel Lugert, Jeremy Qualley, Jared Miller, Jerod Heitkamp, DesiRae Beauclair, Kyle Hager, Trent Gehrig.

I have good idea for this page! While sorting through pages, senior editors Jennifer Lundgren and Elizabeth McCracken share ideas and work to get the proofs ready for students on layout night.



Chillin' by the pool! Spending some time in the sun, juniors Rachel Lugert and Todd Volk and sophomore Madison Nicholls dip their feet in the pool at their motel in San Diego. The three went to California for the national journalism convention.

Staff Works Day, Night

Newspapers Issues Provide Enjoyment

by Nichole Rheault

Staff Writer

Involvement in the production of a newspaper, meeting new people and layout nights describe the newspaper. Newspaper is a one or two semester class that is taught by Ms. Toni Nelson. In this class, students get actively involved in producing a school newspaper every three weeks. There are many sections in the school newspaper including Entertainment, Feature, Sports, News, Review and Editorials.

Our stories we write are based on activities throughout the school because that's what a high school newspaper should be all about, senior and editor in chief, Megan Aamot said.

Newspaper tries to include every group and activity throughout the school. We brainstorm making sure to include every group, activity, organization and event taking place when writing stories for the next paper, junior, feature editor Danielle Knoll said.

Newspaper is a fun yet demanding class. Newspaper is fun because it helps to improve people skills, and I like writing. It also has its lows when everyone is rushing to get their stories in before deadlines, which makes it even more exciting, senior Aamot said.

Many would agree that the best time occurs on layout night. Layout nights are the most fun because you get to goof around and get free food, junior, reporter Peter Wiederholt said. Layout nights occur about every three weeks to finish

up the paper before it is released. Students interested in layout nights, the production of the newspaper and meeting people should consider taking a position on the newspaper staff.

Taking a moment, Senior editor Megan Aamot daydreams about being a part of the picture that is being cropped for the next issue of 'The Packer'.



Newspaper: Front Row: Brandi Grossman, Kellie Jacobson, Danielle Knoll, Megan Aamot, Stacy Verdoorn, Maria Hersch, Ashley Holm. 2nd Row: Alison Kelly, Amanda Lee, Kryshel Evans, Kristen Daum, Karin Flom, Brian Havelange, Christina Hawley, Melody Neer. 3rd Row: Lee Hartog, Nathan Aamodt, Joie Sherman, Jon Dondoneau, Laura Masseh, Mallory Shirley. 4th Row: Tessie Jones, Tali Dumda, Candi Worden, Jessica Lambertz, Shane Bauer, Nick Stenerson. 5th Row: Nathan Cwikla, Kathryn Nigren, Katie Paczkowski, Jessica Mammenga, Peter Wiederholt, Misty Irving, Kayla Whitaker. Back Row: Ben Karkela, Isaiah Nielson, Aron Norem, Anthony Larson, Cody Redmer, Ms. Toni Nelson.

Fixing the problem. For the layout of the February issue, newspaper staff members junior Kristen Daum and sophomore Jenna Miller correct the mistakes during layout night.

Are we there yet? During their trip to the national convention, junior Jon Dondoneau and newspaper adviser Ms. Toni Nelson take a break from seeing the animals at the San Diego Zoo to take a ride on the steep moving walkway.

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West Fargo High School

by Liz McCracken
Senior Editor

Identity has been achieved at West Fargo High School. Every person in the school has learned something or achieved something that will leave a mark in their name and forever change who they are.

The freshmen have stepped through the barrier and been introduced to a new world in high school. They have learned the routes and all of their experiences will help them conquer their up and coming years.

The sophomores have gone through the year and are now moving into the upper level of high school preparing to take charge next year.

The juniors have been anticipating, and are now finally going to be at the head of the school. In knowing, with only one year left, they will be next to get their diplomas.

The seniors have sat back and enjoyed the past four years at West Fargo and are now ready to head into the real world. Although nervous, most seniors will succeed, and part in such a great school, remembering all the fun times, and knowing that there is many more to come.

Every student has made new friends and experienced new organizations, sports and social gatherings that helped shape their identity at West Fargo High School and the identity of the school itself.



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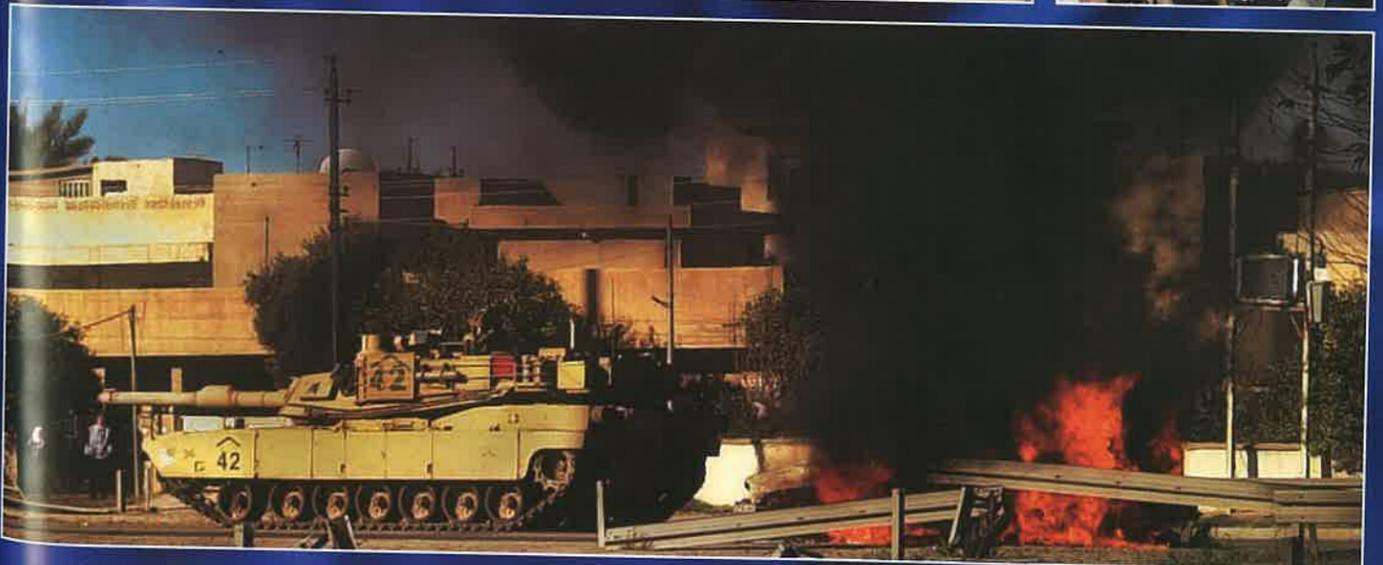
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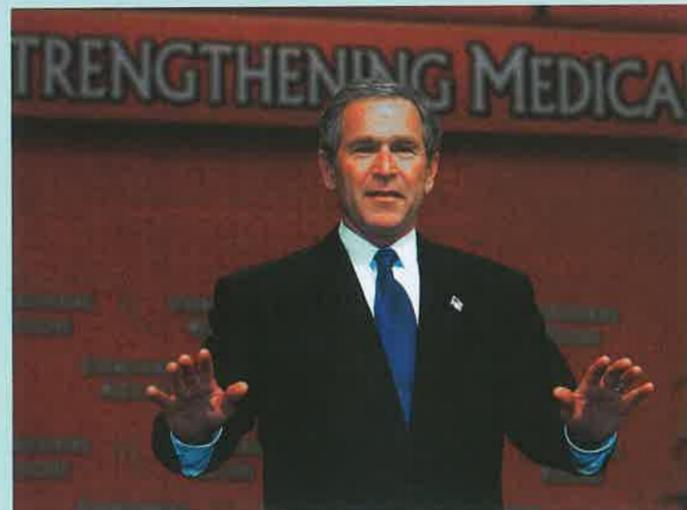
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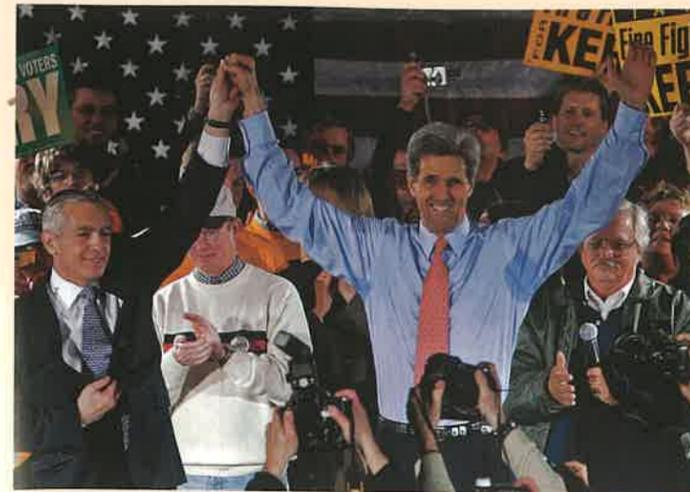
A DESTRUCTIVE PATH. Hurricane Isabel struck seven states on the East Coast in September, killing 27 people and causing \$128 million in damage. More than five million people were left without power as several cities, including Baltimore, experienced flooding. (AP/George Widman)



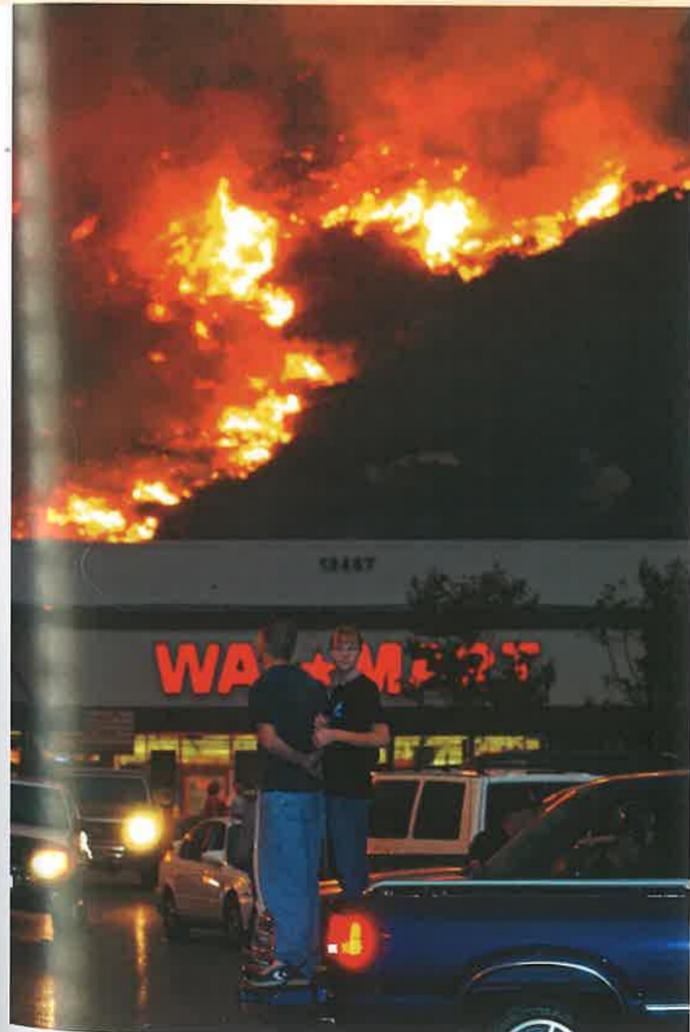
DRUGS FOR THE ELDERLY. George W. Bush engineered the largest—and most expensive—overhaul of Medicare since it was established in 1965. Under the new plan, which Washington says will cost an estimated more than \$500 billion over 10 years, the elderly will be eligible for prescription drug coverage beginning in 2006. The program will be run by private insurers with the help of government subsidies. Critics claim it will cost much more and argue the big winners are pharmaceutical companies, who are in line to pocket millions. (AP/Rick Bowmer)



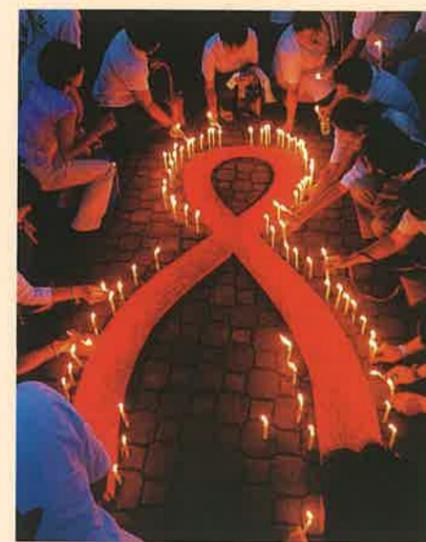
A COURAGEOUS ACT. Pfc. Jessica Lynch became the most famous soldier in the Iraq war, although she wonders why. The supply clerk was injured and captured by Iraqi forces after her group was ambushed. U.S. troops later rescued her from a hospital where she was being treated for her injuries. After returning home to Palestine, W.Va., the 21-year-old who earned a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart for her service, claimed she was no heroine and had been treated well by her captors, but was still the subject of made-for-TV movies. (AP/Steve Helbert)



BRING ON BUSH. Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry swept through the Democratic primaries and easily won the presidential nomination over nine other hopefuls, despite an early challenge from former Vermont governor Howard Dean. Kerry, a Yale graduate and decorated Vietnam vet who later turned against the war, will challenge President George W. Bush over his handling of the economy and the Iraq war (and its aftermath) in what is expected to be one of the nastiest campaigns in U.S. history. (AP/Morry Gash)



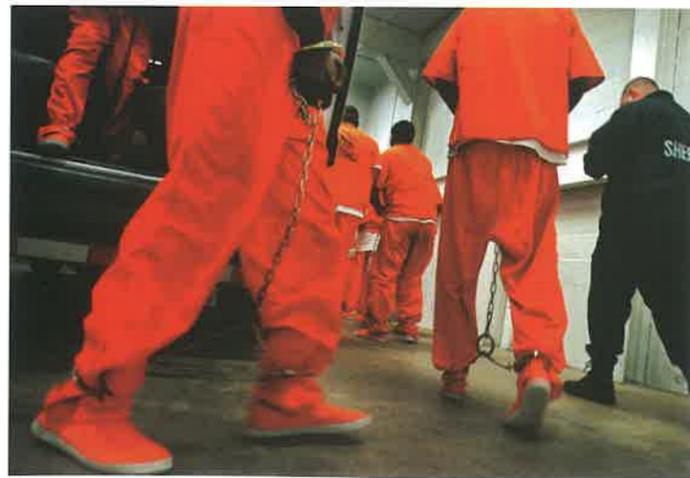
MEMORIES UP IN FLAMES. More than 3,600 homes and 750,000 acres were destroyed in the largest wildfires in California's history. The Southern California region was hardest hit by the disaster that took the lives of 22 people and inflicted damage totalling more than \$2 billion. (AP/Dennis Parroy)



OPENING THEIR WALLETS. Tripling U.S. spending on AIDS programs overseas, George W. Bush pledged \$15 billion over five years to treat and prevent the spread of the killer disease. According to the United Nations, 42 million people are infected with HIV worldwide—29 million in Africa alone. Twenty-five million around the world have died from AIDS, a number that is expected to rise to a total of 80 million by 2010. (AP/Aaron Favila)



LIGHTS OUT. Federal investigators blame the worst blackout in U.S. history on poor control-room procedures and on the failure of a Midwest power-grid organization to prevent the outage from spreading. The blackout left 50 million people without power for up to two days in eight Midwestern and Northeastern states, forced 12 airports to close and cost \$6 billion in economic losses. (MACLEAN'S/Peter Bregg)



CRIME CRACKDOWN. Violent and property crimes dipped to their lowest levels since records started being compiled 30 years ago, dropping more than 50 per cent in the last decade. The annual survey by the Bureau of Justice Statistics identified about 23 million crime victims in 2002, down slightly from the year before and far below the 44 million recorded when studies began in 1973. (AP/David Carson)

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BORDER CRACKDOWN. In an attempt to catch possible terrorists at the border, the U.S. began fingerprinting and photographing foreign visitors. The information is compared with people who are on suspected terrorist lists, have violated their visas or have committed other crimes. (AP/Alexandre Meneghini)



DEEPLY DIVIDED. In Massachusetts, the Supreme Judicial Court ruled that barring gays and lesbians from marrying violates the state constitution because it made them "second-class citizens." The ruling sparked same-sex marriages across the country, deeply dividing public opinion, with George W. Bush calling for a constitutional amendment to ban the practice. (AP/Jeff Chiu)



ROYAL OVERTHROW. Throw pillows and wall colours were the last thing on style Queen Martha Stewart's mind after being convicted of conspiracy, obstruction of justice and two counts of making false statements in connection with the 2001 sale of her shares in a medical technology company. Stewart, who was found to have benefitted from insider information, faces up to 20 years in jail, but will appeal the conviction. (AP/Akira Orita)



HANDING IN HIS TWO WEEKS. New York Stock Exchange's chief executive officer Richard Grasso resigned amid controversy over his compensation package, which included a lump-sum payout of \$139.5 million. Grasso said his resignation was "in the best interests of both the Exchange and myself." (AP/Ed Bailey)



A QUALIFIED YES. The Supreme Court ventured yet again into the divisive issue of race and ruled that affirmative action is OK, sometimes. After hearing two cases, both involving the University of Michigan, the court said that race can be considered positively as one of several factors when making student selections, but that it cannot result in automatic additional points as part of an admissions formula. Affirmative action began in the 1960s as a way of compensating for past injustices to blacks. (AP/Paul Sancya)



DOMESTIC TERRORISM. Sniper John Allen Muhammad awaits execution after being convicted in the 2002 Washington, D.C.-area random shootings in which 10 people were killed—and the entire region terrorized. His 17-year-old accomplice, John Lee Malvo, was sentenced to life in prison. (AP/Jahr Chikwendu)



ALWAYS GOOD FOR A LAUGH. Bob Hope hosted a record 18 Academy Award ceremonies and was well-known for his many trips overseas to entertain American troops, from the Second World War to the first Gulf War in 1991. The legendary comic and movie actor died of pneumonia a few weeks after celebrating his 100th birthday. (AP/Doug Plazic)

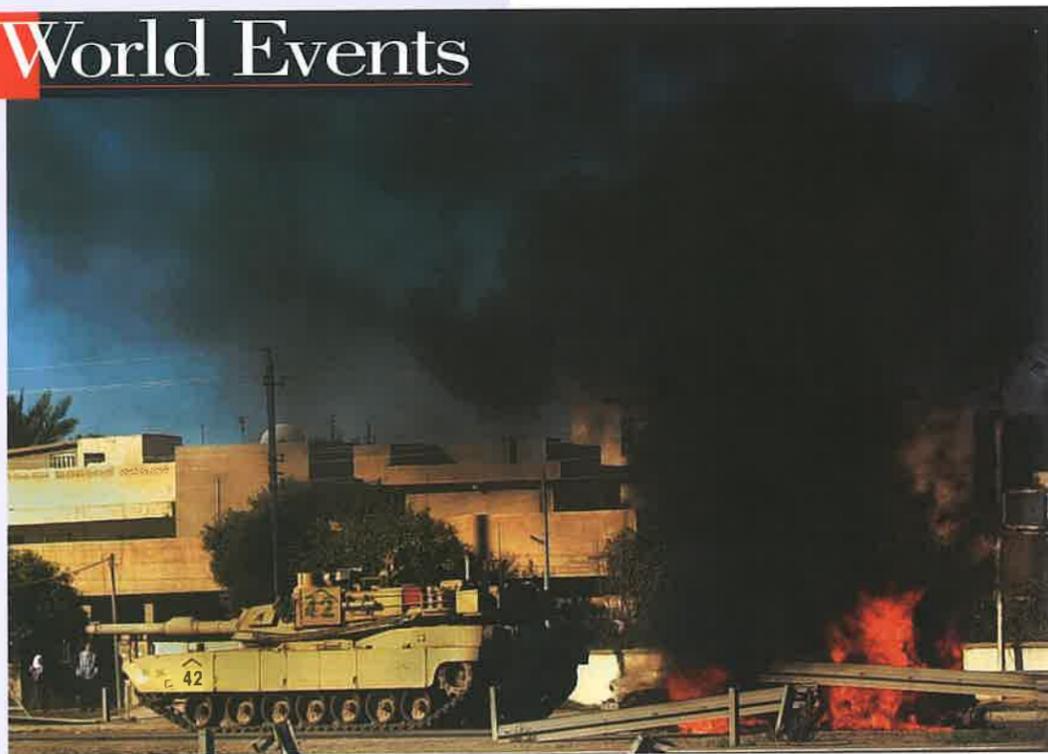


A TRAGIC TRIP HOME. Eleven people died and dozens were injured in a spectacular crash of the storied Staten Island Ferry. Panicked commuters jumped from the mangled vessel into the cold harbor waters, and the ship's pilot fled the ferry after it crashed into the Staten Island terminal. (AP/Stuart Ramson)

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD. Screen star Arnold Schwarzenegger muscled his way into politics by becoming governor of California in a recall election. The 56-year-old Republican defeated Democratic incumbent Gov. Gray Davis and 133 other candidates, ranging from veteran politicians to former sitcom celebrities. When he promised, "I'll be back!" in *Terminator*, nobody could have guessed this. (AP/Marcio Jose Sanchez)



World Events



THE DEATH TOLL MOUNTS. Even though George W. Bush declared the war in Iraq officially over in May 2003, the carnage continued into 2004. U.S. and Allied troops on the ground faced a constant threat of attack, and by the end of March, some 700 soldiers, including some 600 Americans, had been killed, many the result of suicide bombings.

(AP/Khalid Mohammed)



PEACE AT LAST? Since their partition in 1947, the predominantly Hindu India and mainly Muslim Pakistan have gone to war three times and were on the brink of nuclear war in 2002. But major efforts, including historic meetings between the countries' two leaders, have inspired hope that stable peace may be at hand. One of the key roadblocks is the region of Kashmir—two-thirds of which is under Indian control even though a majority of its inhabitants are Muslim.

(AP/Kamal Kumar)

MIRACLE AMID TRAGEDY. Nine days after a deadly earthquake struck Iran, a 97-year-old woman was pulled from the rubble—and asked for a cup of tea. Though Sharbanou Mazandarani weighed less than 66 pounds, she was in good physical condition—despite going without water for more than a week. Sadly, Mazandarani was one of only a handful of survivors of the earthquake that measured 6.6 on the Richter scale and shattered the ancient city of Bam. More than 30,000 people died and another 15,000 were injured.

(AP/Kamran Jebreili)



A HISTORY OF CONFLICT. Israeli and Palestinians continue their struggle with no end in sight. Thousands have died in the second intifada as Palestinian suicide bombers strike in busy Jewish centers while Israeli troops crack down on settlements. In June, George W. Bush called for Palestinians to replace their leader, Yasser Arafat, with one not "compromised by terror."

(AP/Leifertis Pitarakis)



END OF A DICTATOR. Nine months after the fall of Baghdad, disposed Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein was captured in a spider hole, 110 miles north of the capital. Known for his opulent palaces, Saddam was living in squalor—a filthy two-room shack—was armed with a pistol, but offered no resistance during his capture by U.S. forces. Categorized as a POW, Saddam will most likely be tried for crimes against humanity.

(U.S. DOD)



WHAT A PARTY. About 500,000 people crowded St. Peter's Square to celebrate Pope John Paul II's silver anniversary—one of the longest reigns atop the Catholic church in its 2,000-year history. The 83-year-old pontiff, known for his conservative views, is credited with playing a major role in the downfall of Communism, is the only Pope to set foot in a mosque and was a vocal opponent of the war in Iraq.

(REUTERS/Dylan Martinez)



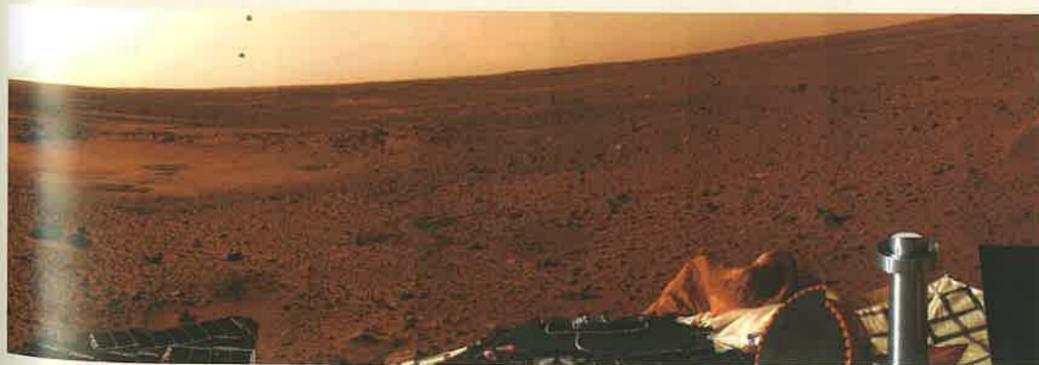
TOO HOT TO HANDLE. That was the case for many Europeans who suffered through a record heat wave that scorched the continent in August. Some 35,000 people died, mostly the elderly and chronically ill. In France alone, where temperatures soared to 105°—and remained at these searing heights for two weeks—nearly 15,000 people died.

(AP/Franck Prevel)



ONE CRAZY COW. A single cow in Mabton, Wash., tested positive for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE)—and more than 30 countries banned the import of all U.S. beef products. Mad cow disease can produce a fatal brain-wasting illness in humans who consume contaminated beef. Experts predict that the fallout from mad cow could cost the industry \$2 billion.

(AP/Elaime Thompson)



E.T.? ARE YOU THERE? Unmanned rovers Spirit and Opportunity have caused excitement back home with the photos they've sent back from their visit to the red planet. The main purpose of the Mars exploration is to search for signs of water—and Opportunity knocked. The rover found water-drenched rocks, showing that life may have existed on the planet.

(NASA)



ALL DECKED OUT. Everything about the Queen Mary 2 is gargantuan. It's the largest (137,000 tonnes), longest (1,132 feet), tallest (236 feet) and widest (128 feet) passenger liner ever. It has 1,250 crew to serve 2,600 passengers. Equipped with the biggest movie theater on water, a planetarium, casino and five swimming pools, it's no wonder the Queen Mary is also the most expensive cruise vessel at more than \$1 billion.

(REUTERS/Peter Macdiarmid)



(AP/Greg Baker)



(AP/Jinca McDonnell)

INVISIBLE THREATS. A flurry of infectious diseases continues to pose serious global health risks. Although SARS did not kill any Americans and was detected in only eight people here, thousands worldwide contracted the disease, killing up to 1,000. However, mosquito-borne West Nile virus infected more than 9,000 Americans, 230 of whom died, mostly the elderly. And the bird flu, which experts fear could lead to the human avian flu, devastated poultry farms throughout Southeast Asia and hit chicken operations in three states: Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.



QUEEN OF THE GRAMMYS. The ultra-talented actress-singer-writer-producer Beyoncé Knowles has proven she can do it all—and she's just 22. Knowles has also landed some pretty big endorsement deals, including Tommy Hilfiger perfume and Pepsi. The Houston-native's debut solo album, *Dangerously in Love*, spent 2003 in heavy rotation at radio stations and in the clubs. Not to mention five Grammy awards, including Best R&B album. (AP/Reed Saxon)



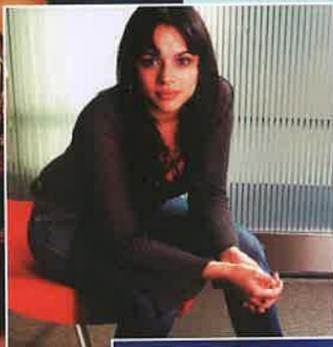
NOTHING'S WRONG WITH HER VOICE. Christina Aguilera might take things a bit too far in music videos and onstage, but nobody can deny the 23-year-old has an incredible singing voice. Aguilera's *Stripped* was one of the biggest albums of 2003, and she also had a hugely successful world tour, sharing the stage with Justin Timberlake. (AP/Tina Fineberg)



NO HANGING CHADS, BUT SOME DOUBTS. Although Ruben Studdard (right) walked away the winner of the second American Idol contest by one per cent of the vote, runner-up Clay Aiken (left) was the big winner. The bookish geek turned pop star released *Measure of a Man*, which debuted at No. 1 on the *Billboard* 200. Studdard's *Soulful*, meanwhile, was slower on the market and not nearly as popular among music lovers, calling into question the show's results. (AP/Mark J. Terrill)



LINKIN LOVES THE STAGE. It's tough to get Linkin Park off the road and into the studio. The L.A.-based rockers, who inject pop, punk, metal and hip-hop into their sound, finally followed up their hit *Hybrid Theory* (2000)—which sold 14 million copies—with *Meteora*, as well as a CD and DVD of their summer stadium tour, called *Live in Texas*. Averaging six live shows a week will do that to you. (CP/Aaron Harn)



SECOND COMING. After *Come Away With Me*, which sold 18 million copies and netted Norah Jones seven Grammys in 2002, her sophomore release was widely anticipated—and immediately popular. Jones decided to go a whole different route, adding country and bluegrass to the mix of bluesy numbers, most notably a duet with country legend Dolly Parton. (AP/Jim Cooper)



TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW. The world's most famous skater-girl, Avril Lavigne, 19, is putting together the follow-up CD to her 2002 smash hit *Let Go*, which sold nearly five million copies. The Canadian pop-rockster is working with former Evanescence guitarist Ben Moody on her sophomore release—and hopes to have it on shelves late in 2004. (MACLEAN'S/Peter Bregg)



ALL GROWN UP. Justin Timberlake made a smart move by breaking free from the chains of boy-band N'Sync. His first solo album, *Justified*, earned the 23-year-old two Grammy awards—and *Charlie's Angel* Cameron Diaz was almost always on the arm of the one-time Mouseketeer. Read all about Timberlake in his autobiography, including the Janet Jackson Super Bowl fiasco, due out in the fall. (AP/Kevorq Djansezian)



SEE YOU IN COURT. Downloading music has become pretty serious business. Nearly 1,000 Americans have had lawsuits filed against them by the Recording Industry Association of America. In total, on-line piracy cost the music industry an estimated \$2.4 billion in 2003. (MACLEAN'S/Peter Bregg)



THREE TIMES GOLDEN. The flamboyant hip-hop duo OutKast won three Grammy awards—including Album of the Year for *Speakerboxxx/The Love Below*, marking the first time an R&B group has won the award. The duo's two-disc release also won them Best Rap Album. Included on their smash hit is the chart-topping single *Hey Ya!*, which won a Grammy for best urban/alternative performance. (AP/Kevorq Djansezian)



FROM THE DARKNESS. Goth-inspired Arkansas rockers Evanescence made the big time with *Fallen*. Even though Ben Moody, a founding member and guitarist, quit the band, singer Amy Lee kept things together and rode the success of the single *Bring Me To Life*, which was also featured on the soundtrack of *Daredevil*, starring Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner. (AP/Eric Jamison)



A SECRET NO MORE. The White Stripes were once indie music darlings from Detroit, but the huge success of *Elephant* in 2003 propelled lead singer and guitarist Jack White and drummer Meg White (they are divorced) into celebrity status. Jack's relationship with movie star Renée Zellweger also kept him in the gossip columns. (AP/Tammie Arroyo)



IS SHE? ISN'T SHE? Britney Spears took weird behaviour to a new level. In early January, the 22-year-old pop princess married small town Louisiana childhood friend Jason Alexander, but quickly had the marriage annulled. Spears may be just 22, but *In the Zone* is her fifth album. (REUTERS/Jim Ruymen)



SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY. But in fact it's been 40 years since the Beatles crossed the pond from England for the first time and conquered the U.S. The Fab Four appeared on the *Ed Sullivan Show* on Feb. 9, 1964, ushering in the British Invasion and a pop-culture explosion that changed the world. *Yeah, Yeah, Yeah.* (AP)

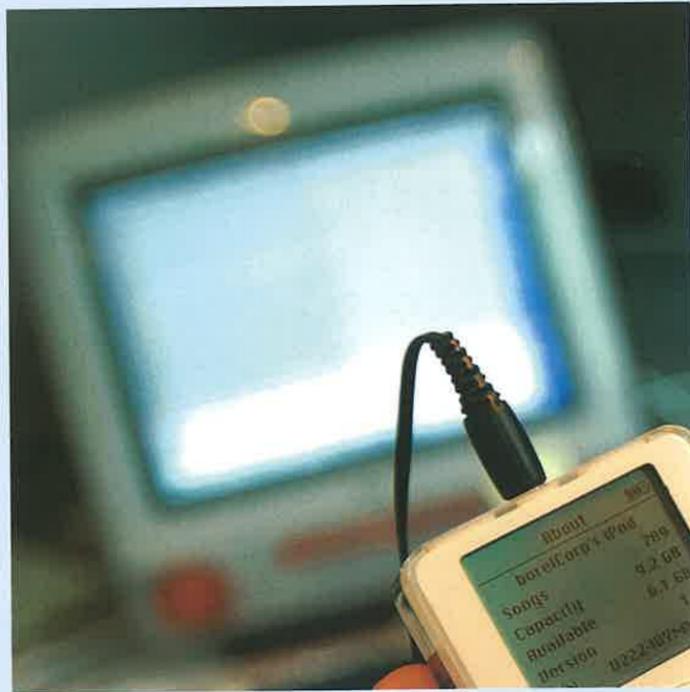
TOP 10 ALBUMS FOR 2003

	TITLE	ARTIST
1.	GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN'	50 CENT
2.	COME AWAY WITH ME	NORAH JONES
3.	UP!	SHANIA TWAIN
4.	HOME	DIXIE CHICKS
5.	LET GO	AVRIL LAVIGNE
6.	METEORA	LINKIN PARK
7.	8 MILE	SOUNDTRACK
8.	FALLEN	EVANESCENCE
9.	TIM MCGRAW AND THE DANCEHALL DOCTORS	TIM MCGRAW
10.	STRIPPED	CHRISTINA AGUILERA

Lifestyles



IF YOU CAN'T STEAL 'EM, BUY 'EM. With the threat of lawsuits hanging over the heads of on-line pirates, thousands are turning to Web sites like Apple's *iTunes*, which offer a legal alternative. People seem to have taken the bait as 1.5 million songs are being purchased from the site every week—70 per cent of all legal downloaded music—and *iTunes* sales estimates for 2004 top 100 million songs. (AP)



LITTLE GUYS PACK SOME PUNCH, TOO. Apple's new iPod mini is business card-sized, has 4GB of memory, holds 1,000 songs and is priced at about \$250. Of course you can stick with the somewhat larger—albeit still handheld—original that's slightly more expensive but holds a whopping 10,000 songs. You might need that type of variety if, for instance, you're planning to travel around the world three times. (MACLEAN'S/Peter Bregg)



SOUND LIKE BEYONCÉ OR CHRISTINA. Or at least sing along. PlayStation 2's *Karaoke Revolution* is the first interactive karaoke video game, giving aspiring pop stars a chance to show what they've got. The game uses a voice analyzer to rate the player's performance. It might kick-start your career—or bring those big dreams crashing down. (MACLEAN'S/Peter Bregg)

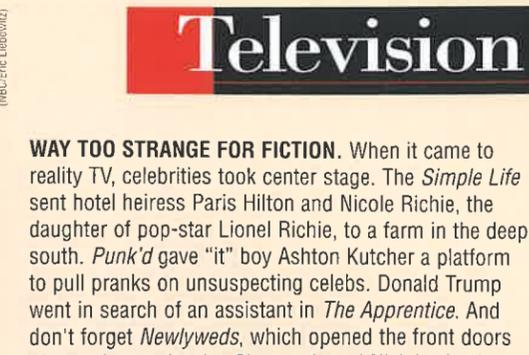
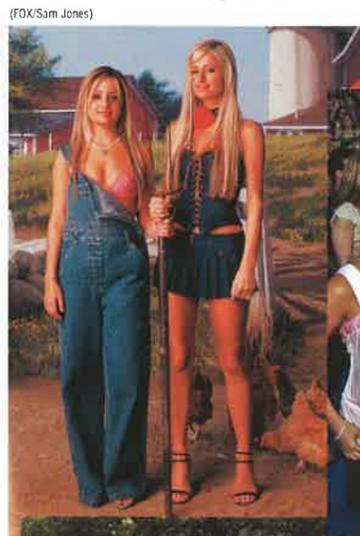


CAN YOU EVER HAVE ENOUGH POCKETS? It's no wonder cargo pants are still all the rage—especially for the guys. From your MP3 player, cellphone, Personal Digital Assistants (PDA) and wallet, you have a lot to carry around. Until the man purse becomes more commonplace among the teen set, cargo wear will remain a popular choice for many. (MACLEAN'S/Leigh-Ann Harper)



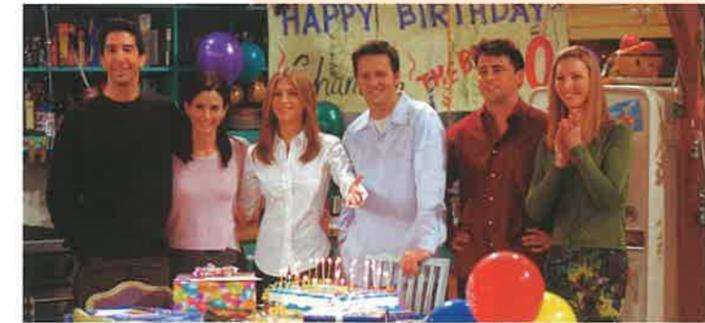
TRUCKER CRAZE. Pop star Justin Timberlake started the craze when he wore a Von Dutch hat to Grammy night parties in 2003. Other celebrities quickly followed suit—including Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie on TV's *The Simple Life*, making the truckers' hat cool. Von Dutch Originals also hawks jeans, T-shirts and motorcycle jackets, but it's the wide-billed, foam-front truckers' hat (which cost upwards of \$100) that has caused a consumer stir. (MACLEAN'S/Peter Bregg)

Television



WAY TOO STRANGE FOR FICTION. When it came to reality TV, celebrities took center stage. The *Simple Life* sent hotel heiress Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie, the daughter of pop-star Lionel Richie, to a farm in the deep south. *Punk'd* gave "it" boy Ashton Kutcher a platform to pull pranks on unsuspecting celebs. Donald Trump went in search of an assistant in *The Apprentice*. And don't forget *Newlyweds*, which opened the front doors of pop singers Jessica Simpson's and Nick Lachey's home during their first year of wedded bliss. *Survivor* was back for another season—some say its best yet—and there was no shortage of shows on which contestants set out in search of love: *The Bachelor*, *The Bachelorette*, *Joe Millionaire—International* and *Average Joe*. If the sappy scenes in those shows didn't make you sick, *Fear Factor*—with its disgusting taste tests—probably did. Live maggots, anyone? (NBC/Eric Liebowitz)

NOW YOU CAN GO OUT THURSDAY NIGHT. After a decade of incredibly successful seasons, the cast of *Friends* are calling it quits. But don't worry fans, because it's highly unlikely that you've seen the last of these guys. Who knows, if we're really lucky, maybe there will be six spinoffs. (NBC)



THE LAUGHTER FADES TO BLACK. Tragedy struck *8 Simple Rules... for Dating my Teenage Daughter* when the show's 54-year-old star, John Ritter (who played Paul Hennessy), collapsed on the set and later died of heart complications. In an attempt to fill the void, *Just Shoot Me*'s David Spade joined the *8 Simple Rules* cast as C.J., Kate's (Katey Sagal) pesky nephew. (REUTERS/Robert Galbraith)



CLUED IN TO WHAT PEOPLE WANT. *CSI* remained a regular atop the ratings ladder for another year as more than 30 million people regularly tuned in every week to watch an elite team of forensic criminal investigators working tough cases in Las Vegas. For a different vibe, try *CSI Miami*, also a top 10 show. Same idea but in a slightly warmer setting. (CBS/Lorenzo Agius)

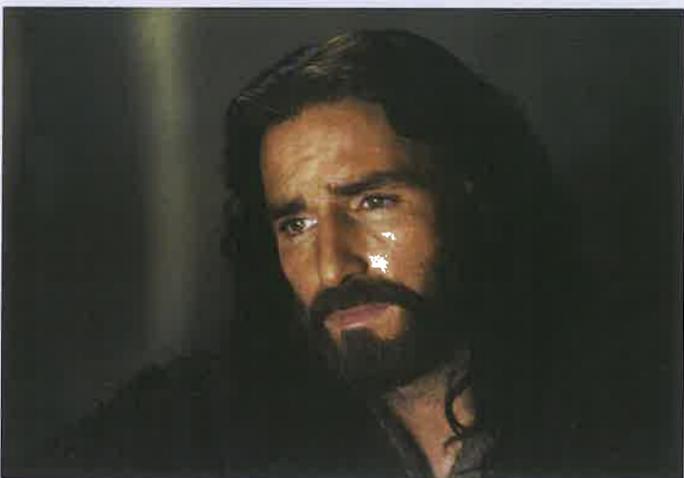
A LITTLE EMERGENCY ROOM HUMOR. Medical intern John "J.D." Dorian (Zach Braff, left) is joined at Los Angeles's Sacred Heart Hospital by a group of wildly funny staffers and patients on *Scrubs*. This season Michael J. Fox (right) came on board for two episodes, playing an obsessive compulsive surgeon. (TOUCHSTONE)

Movies



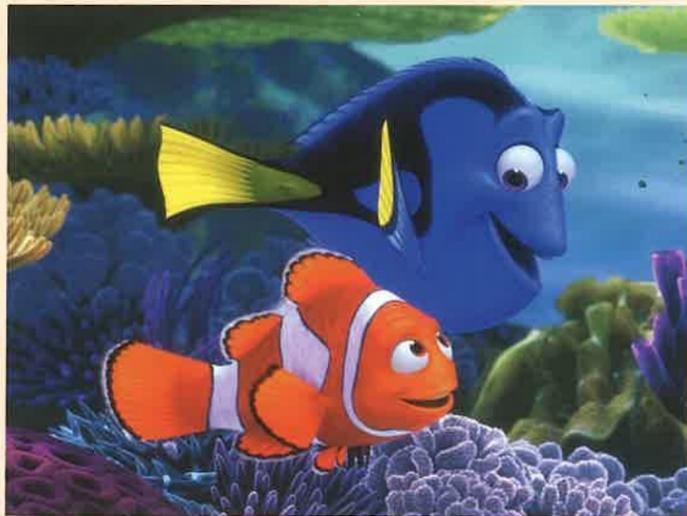
TO THE VICTOR, GO THE SPOILS. Director Peter Jackson's third epic installment of J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* series cleaned up at the Academy Awards and the box office. *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*, which cashed in with \$351 million in just seven weeks, won best picture, best director and nine other statues for a record-tying 11.

(NEWLINE PROD./Pierre Vinet)



A VERY TOUCHY SUBJECT. Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* has created more controversy and buzz than any film in years. Focussing on Jesus' final 12 hours on earth, Gibson has been slammed for the film's excessive blood and gore, and alleged anti-Semitism. The controversy has divided church officials and critics alike. Nevertheless, the film put up the second-best ever five-day figures for a movie opening with ticket sales of \$117.5 million. Only *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* at \$124 million grossed more.

(ICON PRODUCTIONS)



AUDIENCES TAKE THE BAIT. And when the stars are this cute, who wouldn't? Crowds poured into theaters to watch *Finding Nemo*, the animated comedic adventures of the fretful clownfish Marlin (voiced by Albert Brooks) and his young son Nemo (Alexander Gould). Voted best animated film at the Oscars, the film was also a huge hit on the small screen, ranked as the hottest DVD purchase of 2003.

(DISNEY/PIXAR FILMS)



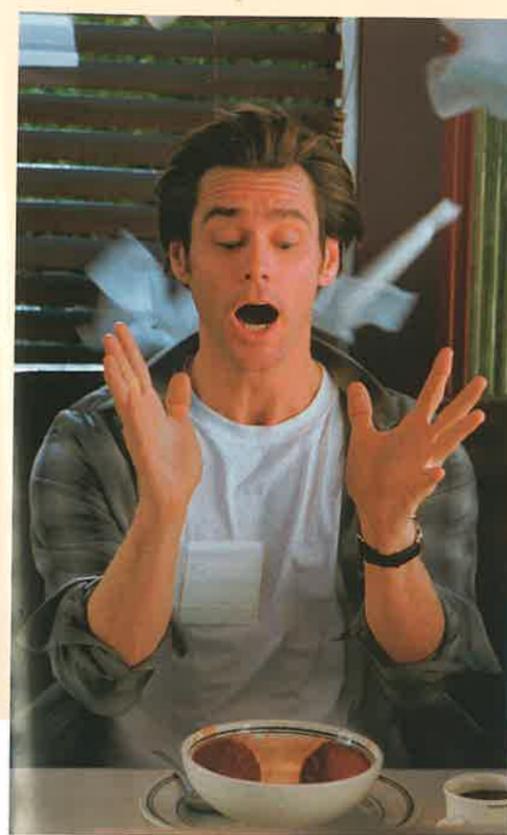
AHOY, JOHNNY. *People's Sexiest Man Alive*, Johnny Depp (above), gets ugly for his role as rogue pirate Jack Sparrow in *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*. Wearing heavy black eyeliner and speaking with a drunk-like slur, Depp's character and Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) try and stop a ship of dangerous pirates led by Captain Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush) and recover lost treasure.

(WALT DISNEY PICTURES)



THE ANTI-SCROOGE. Nobody does comedy like Will Ferrell. In *Elf*, he plays Buddy, the accident-prone human mistakenly raised by elves on the North Pole, who discovers he is not an elf and sets off to New York City to connect with his biological father (James Caan). But Buddy finds his dad—and most of New York—has forgotten the true meaning of Christmas, and makes it his job to single handedly rejuvenate the spirit.

(NEWLINE CINEMA)



IT'S NOT EASY BEING GOD. Just ask Bruce Nolan (Jim Carrey). After Nolan is given God's powers in *Bruce Almighty*, things get a little chaotic when he tries to give everyone what they pray for. The real test is his relationship with girlfriend Grace (Jennifer Aniston) whom he loses during his ultimate power trip. Ultimately, Bruce proves he's only human.

(ILLUSION ARTS/Ralph Nelson)



ROMANCE TIMES 50. Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore, who lit up the big screen when they paired in *The Wedding Singer*, are back with another romantic comedy. In *50 First Dates*, Henry Roth (Sandler) is a veterinarian living in Hawaii who falls for Lucy (Barrymore). The problem is that Lucy suffers from short-term memory loss and can't remember meeting him, so Henry has to woo her every day with the hope she'll fall in love with him—again, and again and again.

(COLUMBIA)

MUSICAL MASTERPIECE. Failed rock star Dewey Finn (Jack Black) gets tossed from his band, and needs cash fast. So, in *School of Rock*, he scams himself a gig as a 4th grade substitute teacher and decides to teach a group of uptight private school kids how to play rock 'n' roll. His goal? To win a local band contest and rejuvenate his own fledgling career. Hilarity ensues.

(AP/Foxwork/Djanssezian)



MUTANTS TIMES TWO. The mutants band together in *X2* to fight their common enemy, Gen. William Stryker (Brian Cox), who plans to destroy them. Wolverine (Hugh Jackman, above) leads a pack of mutants played by a star-studded cast including Halle Berry, Patrick Stewart, Anna Paquin and Shawn Ashmore as Iceman.

(FOX)



CAN'T LIVE UP TO THE HYPE.

While the crowds poured into theatres to watch Neo (Keanu Reeves) and the rest of the crew in *The Matrix—Reloaded*, and *The Matrix—Revolutions* (both released in 2003), most left disappointed. Sure, the special effects were cool, but after the outpouring of praise following the original *Matrix* in 1999, the two sequels offered up good action but fell flat as far as plot was concerned.

(WARNER BROTHERS)



ICE GLORY. In *Miracle*, Kurt Russell plays Herb Brooks, the late U.S. Olympic hockey team's head coach, who in 1980 led his club of rag-tag college kids to the top of the medal podium. The film is based on the true story of the surprise U.S. triumph in Lake Placid over the powerhouse Soviet Union team.

(WALT DISNEY PICTURES)

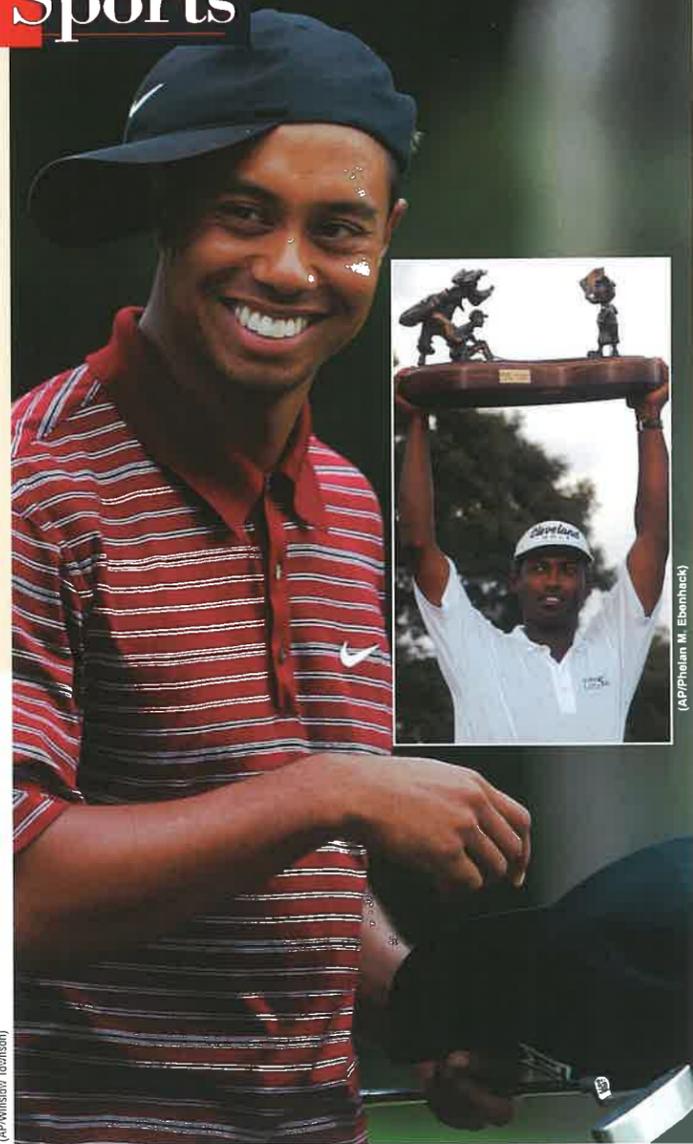


TOILET HUMOR AT ITS BEST. Steve Stifler (Seann William Scott, far left) and the *American Pie* gang have returned for *American Wedding*. Centered around the wedding of Jim (Jason Biggs, center) and Michelle (Alyson Hannigan), the usual series of hijinks prevail. If the first couple of *American Pie* flicks grossed you out, beware. This one really takes the cake.

(UNIVERSAL)

TOP \$\$ MOVIES OF 2003

THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE RETURN OF THE KING	\$351 million
FINDING NEMO	\$340 million
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN	\$305 million
THE MATRIX RELOADED	\$282 million
BRUCE ALMIGHTY	\$243 million
X2: X-MEN UNITED	\$215 million
ELF	\$173 million
TERMINATOR 3: RISE OF THE MACHINES	\$150 million
THE MATRIX REVOLUTIONS	\$139 million
BAD BOYS II	\$139 million



(AP/Winslow Tomson)

TEERING UP A RIVALRY. Golf titans Tiger Woods and Vijay Singh spent most of 2003 and the early part of 2004 battling for the PGA tour's No. 1 ranking. Woods was able to hold on, but there was little doubt that the hottest golfer last year was Singh, who had 12 top-10 finishes in a row. In fact, Singh (inset), from Fiji, won the PGA money title in 2003, earning \$7.6 million while playing in 27 tournaments—nine more than Woods.



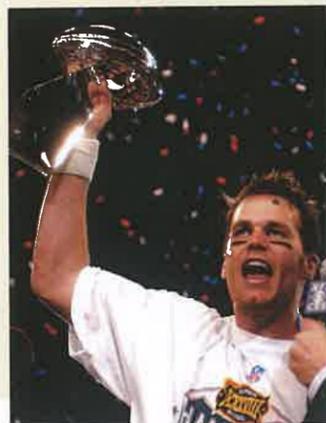
(AP/Laurent Rebours)

MAYBE KRYPTONITE MIGHT STOP HIM. Lance Armstrong can't be denied. For five consecutive years the 32-year-old Texan has won the Tour de France and to top it off, he did it after beating testicular cancer in 1996. Only four other cyclists have ever won five titles, and only one in that group, Miguel Indurain of Spain, won five in a row.

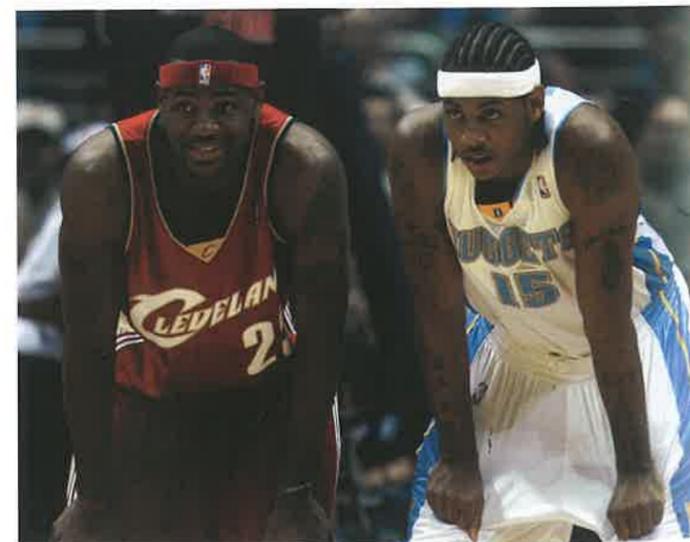
NEAR PERFECTION. Few people have ever been as graceful on skates as Michelle Kwan. In fact, with her seventh straight national championship and eighth overall, Kwan is one of the all-time greatest female figure skaters. The 23-year-old from Torrance, Calif., has recorded an incredible 35 perfect 6.0s at U.S. championships in her career, which has also included five world championships. (CP/Paul Chiasson)



HARD HITTER. Nobody serves a tennis ball faster than Andy Roddick. The 21-year-old from Omaha used his 150 mile-an-hour serve to win both the U.S. Open and French Open in 2003. Off the court, Roddick was dating actress/singer Mandy Moore. (AP/Marcio Jose Sanchez)



NOT JUST A HALFTIME SHOW. Though Janet Jackson's wardrobe malfunction will be the most memorable Super Bowl moment, the New England Patriots, led by QB Tom Brady (above), and the Carolina Panthers played one of the most exciting championships in recent history. Adam Vinatieri's 41-yard field goal with four seconds to go lifted New England to a 32-29 victory, its second Super Bowl in three seasons. (AP/Dave Martin)



THE HEIR APPARENTS? Not since Michael Jordan entered the league 20 years ago has a rookie been more highly touted than Cleveland Cavaliers guard LeBron James (left). The 19-year-old high-schooler was the No. 1 pick in the NBA's 2003 draft and even signed a \$90 million Nike shoe deal before his first game. Meanwhile, Denver Nuggets Carmelo Anthony, 19, (right), the third pick in the draft, has also proved he can play with the big boys. (AP/Ron Schwane)



BACK FROM THE BRINK. It was the best finish ever for Team USA at the annual World Junior Hockey Championship. Trailing 3-1 in the second period of the gold medal match, the under-19s rallied to beat Team Canada 4-3 in Helsinki. The U.S. club's previous best finish was a silver in 1997. (CP/Adrian Wylid)



HOW ABOUT A COIN TOSS. The always controversial college football season didn't disappoint. Although USC (12-1) finished atop the Associated Press poll, they weren't invited to the Sugar Bowl, the unofficial championship game. In that game, LSU (13-1) beat Oklahoma 21-14 and laid claim to the top spot. Purists pleaded for a head-to-head battle to no avail. (AP/Joe Raymond)

THE 2003 CHAMPIONS

SUPER BOWL XXXVIII	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS OVER CAROLINA PANTHERS	32-29
2004 NCAA MEN'S B-BALL	UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT OVER GEORGIA TECH	82-73
2004 NCAA WOMEN'S B-BALL	UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT OVER TENNESSEE	70-61
WORLD SERIES	FLORIDA MARLINS OVER NEW YORK YANKEES	4-2 SERIES
PGA	VIJAY SINGH	\$7.6 million
LPGA	ANNIKA SORENSTAM	\$2.0 million
WOMEN'S TENNIS	KIM CLIJSTERS	\$4.0 million
MEN'S TENNIS	ROGER FEDERER	\$4.0 million
NBA	SAN ANTONIO SPURS OVER NEW JERSEY NETS	4-2 SERIES
STANLEY CUP	NEW JERSEY DEVILS OVER ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS	4-3 SERIES



FEMALE TIGER. Michelle Wie is only 14, but she can drive a golf ball 300 yards, further than most grown men. Following in the footsteps of Annika Sorenstam, who last year was the first woman in 58 years to play in a PGA event, the six-foot tall Wie took her swings at a men's tour stop in January in Hawaii—and missed the cut by just a stroke. The comparisons to a young Tiger Woods were inevitable. (AP/Eric Risberg)



NOT CHICAGO'S FAVORITE SON. Chicago Cubs fan Steve Bartman has no doubt considered hiring bodyguards since last fall, when the city blamed him for preventing its favorite team from playing in the World Series. With just four outs away from winning the league playoffs against the Florida Marlins and advancing to the Series, Bartman prevented Cubs left fielder Moises Alou from making a routine out by reaching for a foul ball before it could land in Alou's outstretched glove. The play gave the Marlins another life, which they took full advantage of to win the game and then the playoff series. In an attempt to end the Cubs 58-year championshipless curse, the ball was destroyed after being bought at auction for \$106,600. (AP/Amey Sancetta)



SELLING THE FRANCHISE. In a shocker, Manchester United sold superstar captain David Beckham to Real Madrid for \$41 million. Beckham, one of pro-soccer's leading players, joined the Spanish champions on a four-year contract worth \$8 million a year. He makes another \$17 million annually in endorsements. (AP/Paul White)



CENTER COURT'S AT THE 50-YARD LINE. It must have been tough to see the ball, but a record basketball crowd of 78,129 attended the BasketBowl game between Michigan State and Kentucky at Ford Field—home of the Detroit Lions. The Kentucky Wildcats staved off the Spartans 79-74. The attendance total shattered the previous record of 75,000 held by the Harlem Globetrotters during a 1951 exhibition game in Berlin, Germany. (AP/Carlos Osorio)

Science



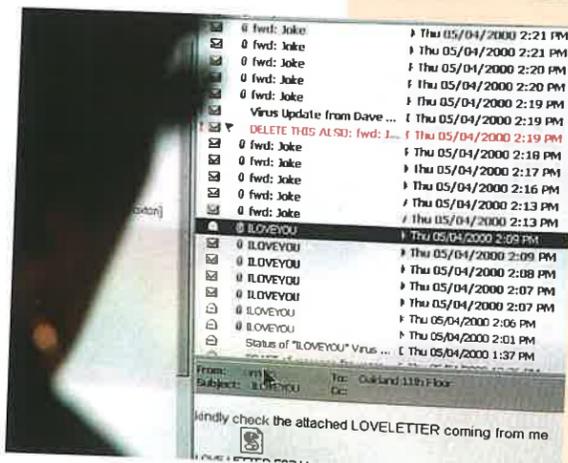
ALWAYS LOOK YOUR BEST. Because you never know who may be taking your picture, Hewlett-Packard in Britain has created eyeglasses with a built-in camera that constantly photographs everything the wearer sees. Meanwhile, camera phones are becoming all the craze. Now you can snap off a pic, and use the instant messaging feature on your phone to send it to all your friends. Experts worry about privacy implications. No kidding. (MOTOROLA)



(MAGNET/SPIEGEL ONLINE)



BEIJING . . . WE HAVE LIFT OFF. After 11 years of planning, China launched its first piloted spacecraft—becoming the third nation after the former Soviet Union and the U.S. to send humans into space. China's first *taikonaut* is Yang Liwei, a 38-year-old fighter pilot. After multiple satellite launch failures during the '80s and '90s, Chinese officials kept details of the mission secret. But they did release a song to mark the historic occasion called, guess what, *Flying*. (AP/Li Gang)



THIS MESSAGE COULD SELF-DESTRUCT. The Mydoom computer virus flooded Internet users' inboxes in 214 countries to become what some experts claim was the fastest-spreading e-mail virus in history. A variant of the virus that takes aim at Microsoft's Web site prompted the software giant to issue a \$250,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the mad scientist who created the virus. (AP/Dino Vouras)



HATE NEEDLES? Then you might soon be in luck. Replacing the needle-administered flu vaccination in many parts of the U.S. is a far less annoying nasal spray. The spray, which contains a live—albeit weakened—form of the flu is only recommended for healthy people between five and 49. (AP/Chiharu Suzuki)



AND IT EVEN PARKS ITSELF. Japanese car maker Toyota was able to cut the price of its gas-electric Prius to about \$23,000, sparking a worldwide buying spree. Global sales targets for 2004 have skyrocketed from 76,000 to 130,000. And for an extra \$2,000, you get the Intelligent Parking Assist program, which makes parallel parking a breeze. The car actually parks itself, after you have defined where you want to park on a computerized screen. (REUTERS/Jeff Christensen)